

AMERICAN REVOLUTION BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION 736 JACKSON PLACE, N.W. WASHINGTON, D.C. 20276

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AREC NEWS BULLETIN

This is the first of a series of News Bulletins issued by the American Revolution Bicentennial Commission Office of Communications.

Chairman David J. Mahoney has announced that the next meeting of the full Commission will be held in Chicago on Thursday, September 23rd, and Friday, September 24, 1971. The basic format of the meeting will be similar to the last Commission meeting in Dallas. Fifteen Midwestern States will be participating. This will be another Dynamic Dimension program designed to give the ARBC members an opportunity to discuss plans and goals of the Bicentennial with a representative cross section of the population of the area.

An Executive Committee Meeting was held in Washington on August 2, 1971.

Senator Norris Cotton (N.H.), an ARBC Member, recently criticized Congress for failing to allocate funds for restoration of the Old U. S. Senate and Supreme Court Chambers. "Multitudes of visitors to the Capitol are now guided past the closed doors of these historic rooms with just a scant mention of the rich heritage they contain," Senator Cotton said.

The authorization for the Bicentennial appropriations for Fiscal Year 1972 is currently pending in both Houses of Congress. (The Senate bill is S. 1875 and the House bill is H.R. 7374). Hearing dates will be set by the Senate and House Judiciary Committees upon the return of Congress from its recess in September. Late reports on the appropriations bills show that a supplemental appropriations bill will be introduced in either late September or early October. The White House submitted to Congress on June 7th the initial request for ARBC operations.

To honor the Nation's Bicentennial observance President Nixon has renamed Air Force One "The Spirit of '76."

The White House revealed recently that they have under "active consideration" a \$1.5 to \$2 billion plan for a high speed rail-road link along the Eastern Seaboard in time for the Bicentennial. The plan, "Polis '76," envisions passenger trains averaging 100 miles an hour and container freight trains averaging more than 70 miles an hour. The basic goal which would have to have Congressional funding, Transportation officials say, is to provide faster, more comfortable passenger trains for Bicentennial visitors.

The ARBC Communications Committee met on August 2nd to formulate some immediate plans for the Communications Office in launching the important Bicentennial awareness campaign and disseminating total information and all the various Bicentennial stories. Chairman James S. Copley pledged that the Committee will work toward total awareness in the coming months following the important liftoff of the Bicentennial Era by President Nixon on July 3rd at the National Archives.

Last week Governor Linwood Holton (Va.) unveiled the Seaboard Coast Line Railroad's newest red, white and blue diesel engine, "The Spirit of '76" at a special ceremony during which a letter from President Nixon was read praising the Seaboard Company's Bicentennial promotion efforts. The engine, which was built by General Electric Company and bears the serial number 1776, will be taken cross-country to promote "National Pride and Patriotism."

Florida State Bicentennial Chairman Pat Dodson has announced that the city of Pensacola has been slated for a \$10,000 "pilot city" project. The Commission has approved Pensacola as the pilot metropolitan area for community improvement programs. Chairman Dodson said the programs will be developed by the Action '76 group of the Pensacola Area Chamber of Commerce and will be based on the Goals for Dallas program. The Florida Commission has also drawn up plans for an historical trail slated to wind through the State past more than 100 historical markers. Also, in the planning stage are newsletters, books and films about Florida's part in the 1776 American Revolution.

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Colorado Governor John Love has appointed members of the 1976 Colorado Centennial-Bicentennial Commission for terms expiring June 30, 1977. The nine members are: Mr. Edwin J. Eisenach, Hon. Leslie Fowler, Hon. Ben Klein, Hon. Floyd Sack, Hon. Jerome Rose, Mr. Alexis McKinney, Mrs. Stephen Hart, Mr. Paco Sanchez and Mr. Roger Walton.

President Nixon wrote to 19-year-old Steve Griffin of Cameron, Missouri, this week congratulating him on becoming the first teenager in America to vote after the approval of the Constitutional amendment giving 18-year-olds the right to vote in all elections. In the letter he stated:

"In just a few short years we will celebrate the 200th Anniversary of our Nation, and on that birthday, our main reason for celebration will be the fact that our vital signs of youth - the spirit of hope, the spirit of idealism, the spirit to dare and achieve great things - still prove us to be a Nation well endowed with the energy, the initiative and the creative spirit of our forefathers. I am confident, too, that the participation of young voters in our electorial process will be a major step forward in keeping this spirit alive for generations of Americans to come."

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Boston's Prologue '75 program to explore and examine the revolutionary roots of America through its great historical resources was presented to the Department of Housing and Urban Development through John C. Chapin, Special Assistant to the Secretary and his representative on the ARBC. On August 10th, representatives of Prologue '75 met with the ARBC staff, as well as representatives of the Department of Transportation and HUD to further detail plans of the program that will serve as prologue to the actual Bicentennial birthdate. The program with the theme "The City Is The Exhibit" will be presented formally in the near future. A detailed fiscal budget for 1975 was presented to HUD at their request prior to consideration of various Bicentennial policy discussions at the Department. In all, Prologue '75 intends to develop seven Department presentations with seven individual supplements to its original program presentation.

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LIFE Magazine announced in a two-page spread in their July 9 issue "The Bicentennial Photography Contest" for professional and amateur photographers which is recognized and endorsed officially by the ARBC. The contest features a \$25,000 grand prize. LIFE will make the prizewinning pictures available to the Commission for use in publications and exhibits. Winners are to be announced in the Fourth of July issue in 1973. LIFE Magazine chose as their theme for the contest "A Declaration of Interdependence."

The Interior Department has designated the homes of seven signers of the Declaration of Independence as national historic landmarks, it was disclosed this week. Interior Secretary Rogers Morton also said the federal government spent \$1.4 million in the past year to preserve historically significant buildings and landmarks.

The Executive Committee of the ARBC will meet on Wednesday, September 22, in Chicago prior.to the full Commission meeting.

Markup of the bill authorizing the striking of coins and medals for the ARBC is expected soon after Congress returns from its recess in September. Hearings have already been held by the House Banking and Currency Subcommittee. The Senate will await House action on the measure. (House bill is H.R. 7987 and the Senate bill is S. 1766.)

The Office of Management and Budget has asked for the ARBC budget proposal for FY 1973 by September 15. All Department heads of staff have submitted their overall goals and program objectives for 1973 and final drafts of the ARBC budget proposal are being readied now. The various States' Commissions have been asked to comment.

Five Governors of the Upper Missouri Basin states have requested the Commission to make the Mount Rushmore National Memorial a focal point for the national Bicentennial observance on July 4, 1976. The Governors (Forrest H. Anderson, Montana, J. James Exon, Nebraska, William L. Guy, North Dakota, Richard F. Kneip, South Dakota, and Stanley K. Hathaway, Wyoming) stated in their request: "We are proud to have within our region one of the truly great symbols of America at Mount Rushmore, South Dakota. As the 'Shrine of Democracy,' Mount Rushmore represents to the nation and to the world the ideals of America and its history. The favorable action of the Commission on this recommendation would be a source of pride and honor for our entire region." A formal proposal is expected to be made at the full ARBC meeting in Chicago.

Congressman Al Ullman, Oregon, has introduced a bill, H.R. 6003, to authorize and request the President to proclaim 1971 through the U. S. Bicentennial in 1976 as a period to discover America's scenic, historic and recreation areas. The bill also asks the President to appoint a national chairman to coordinate the efforts of private industry in carrying out the purposes of the resolution to invite industry and private organizations to continue through 1976 a nationwide effort to encourage the American people to explore these areas throughout the United States.

This week Chuck Goodspeed will travel to several cities in the Midwest. He and Jack Orchard (ARBC staff, former head of Expositions Staff, Department of Commerce) will meet with Ken Fulk, Executive Secretary of the Iowa ARBC in Des Moines to discuss Iowa's Bicentennial proposals, especially the International Food Exposition in Des Moines. In Lincoln, Nebraska he will meet with Marvin Kivett, Director of the State Historical Society and representatives of the Governor's office. Frank Norris, the Bicentennial representative of the Governor of Wyoming will discuss plans with Mr. Goodspeed while in Sheridan. In Rapid City, South Dakota the Mt. Rushmore proposal will be discussed with Mr. Les Helgeland, Chairman, South Dakota ARBC. The final meeting will be in St. Paul, Minnesota to discuss Bicentennial proposals with representatives of the Governor there. ******

The Interama Authority of Miami, Florida, as landowner of the new Century Center last week modified and approved a proposal by Rouse and Company to plan and manage a "Park for the People" on Interama's 1,700 acres on the North Miami bayfront. The site will be part of Miami's 1976 U. S. Bicentennial celebration. *****

Mrs. Gene Riddle, Associate Executive Director of the Texas ARBC reports on a special Texas "Happy Birthday USA" Program that will be initiated in Texas schools next spring with the assistance of the Texas Education Agency. Children from kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grades will be asked to design cards, a series of which will be selected and published in a pamphlet, and possibly merchandised. In a pilot program in one small Texas school the results proved that the idea is meritorious and should be well-received throughout the State. * * * * * * * *

A New Jersey Testimonial dinner is being held for Dr. Richard R. McCormick, Chairman of the Department of History, Rutgers University and the ARBC's newest member on September 10. Governor Cahill is expected to address the dinner. Mr. Mel Spector, Executive Director of the ARBC will represent the Commission at the affair. *****

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The ARBC Speaker's Bureau announces that several members of the staff will be making important speaking engagements in the coming month. Captain Harry Allendorfer will address three West Virginia county historical societies at their annual dinner on September 25. Bill Blue, ARBC Director of International Relations, will speak September 14th at the Cultural Attaches Luncheon at the Cosmos Club, Washington, D. C. Chuck Goodspeed, State Coordinator, will participate in the "Panorama of Wyoming" activities in Sheridan on August 25th. Mr. Goodspeed will participate in the dedication of Wyoming's Tourist and Visitor Information Center.

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The ARBC has <u>developed</u> criteria for use in <u>evaluating public</u> and <u>private activities</u> proposed for inclusion in the National Bicentennial Program. A paper on the subject is available at ARBC Headquarters. Organizations or individuals are invited to request copies from:

ARBC Headquarters
P. O. Box 1976
Washington, D. C. 20276
Attn: Program Dévelopment & Coordination

The two candidates for Mayor of Philadelphia, Frank L. Rizzo and W. Thacher Longstreth, last Thursday advocated the use of Penn's Landing for the 1976 Bicentennial celebration at the same time they rejected Byberry as the exposition site. In almost simultaneous, but separate, announcements the two urged the Philadelphia Bicentennial Corporation to adopt the Penn's Landing area as the site for the 1976 Exposition. Citizen opposition to Byberry was given by both men for ruling out the Northeast Philadelphia site along with lack of transportation.

As a projected Bicentennial booklet, the Bureau of Census is planning to publish a special 1976 Census story entitled, "We." It is to cover the entire story of the American people, including their migrant moves and the population story of 200 years. This booklet is to be a major part of the Bureau's Bicentennial program.

The Communications Committee of the ARBC has approved plans for an important and unique Bicentennial film to aid in its Bicentennial "awareness campaign."

Governor Ogilvie of Illinois has appointed Mr. Andrew McNally, III to coordinate Bicentennial activities in Illinois. His address is:

Illinois Bicentennial Commission P. O. Box 7600 Chicago, Illinois 62280

Special regulations on the use of the Official ARBC Symbol will be released in the near future through this News Bulletin and other official documents of the Commission.

It was reported earlier this week that the Government of Mexico may give the United States a giant statue of Jesus Christ, with an observation tower, as a present for America's Bicentennial celebration. The statue would overlook Corpus Christi (Body of Christ) Bay on the Texas coast and it is to be taller than the Statue of Liberty given to the United States by France 100 years ago. City officials said the idea has not yet been confirmed but that it has been under consideration for some time. The statue would be similar to the Statue of Liberty and one of its architects said it will be "a genuine monument to peace and good will among men."

The Department of Defense has issued Memorandum #1 on the American Revolution Bicentennial. It states the purpose of the series of memoranda is to furnish information and guidance concerning the Department's role in observing and supporting the commemoration. DOD is unique among the Federal agencies in that three of the Military Services will be observing their bicentennial anniversaries in 1975 (the Army, Navy and Marine Corps). The first memorandum lists three major aspects of Defense's program: (1) To initiate celebrations observing the anniversaries of the Military Services, (2) to support activities outside DOD which observe and recognize the important events of the Revolutionary period and (3) to achieve appropriate Bicentennial Era goals set by DOD, in consonance with national goals to improve the quality of life of military and civilian citizens.

Rose Narva, Vice President and General Manager of the Linden Hill Hotel, has been appointed chairman of the Bicentennial Housing Committee of the Bicentennial Commission of the District of Columbia. The Housing Committee will arrange for accommodations for 40 million visitors expected to visit Washington in 1976.

The Department of Housing and Urban Development is continually updating available information relating to Bicentennial matters. One key approach is through ten regional administrators spread throughout the country who have been asked to make contact with state bicentennial commissions in their particular areas. Four senior specialized individuals will also keep in touch with bicentennial activities in Miami, Washington, Philadelphia and Boston. These four representatives keep regular contact with the people, programs, problems, plans and budget situation in each of their areas. (For additional information call the HUD office in your area).

The town of Chelmsford, Massachusetts gets permission from the state legislature to appropriate funds for its Bicentennial celebration. Special legislation authorizes the town to appropriate money for the stated purpose, and also to receive funds collected by a variety of programs, public and private, designed to stimulate participation in the celebration.

The Texas American Revolution Bicentennial Commission has adopted guidelines for cities seeking ARBC endorsement as "Bicentennial" cities as aids to cities in setting up local commissions to plan local celebrations. The guidelines suggest that local committee goals should reflect the national goals and the Bicentennial Commission's three themes. Mrs. Gene Riddle, Texas' Associate Director, said that plans are not to award any of the endorsements before June 1973, until after the Commission reviews each city plan.

George Ebner, Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Bicentennial Commission, states that the Commission in Harrisburg has been preparing guidelines for counties and a set of criteria which, when adopted, would "give guidance to local counties on what kind of activities we're looking for."

The American Mining Congress has recently recommended to the House Banking and Currency Subcommittee on Consumer Affairs that silver be used in the striking of medals in commemoration of the Bicentennial. It also urged the passage of legislation which would authorize the minting of a commemorative dollar coin containing 40 percent silver as a part of the Bicentennial commemoration. The American Mining Congress, which represents the U. S. silver-producing industry stated, "It would be historically inconsistent and hardly in keeping with the dignity of the occasion to celebrate this nation's 200th anniversary by failing to utilize silver in commemorative medals."

The City of St. Louis through Mayor Alfonso J. Cervantes has issued an invitation to host the 1975 World Congress on Philosophy of Law and Social Philosophy as part of its Bicentennial commemoration. The Mayor states in his letter of invitation: "The cultural heritages of France, Germany and Spair, are strongly represented in the history of St. Louis and we would be honored to host a World Congress of scholars who are concerned with the perennial problems of order and justice."



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Senator Joseph C. DiCarlo has been reappointed Chairman of the Massachusetts Reyolutionary War Bicentennial Commission by the President of the State Senate.

The ARBC will have available in early October the color/sound film of the President's launching of the Bicentennial Era last July 3rd from the Archives Building for use by educational organizations and schools. Those interested may procure copies through the ARBC Office of Communications. A film produced by the ARBC as well as a slide presentation that will assist in the Bicentennial awareness campaign should be available through Communications by mid-December.

Plans have been completed and bids opened on the first Ohio project planned to focus public attention on the Bicentennial in the Buckeye State, the Fort Laurens State Memorial, an Interpretation Center near Bolivar. It is the site of the only Revolutionary War fort built in Ohio. The Interpretation Center is to be a circular structure designed to contain exhibits on the Revolutionary War period.

John R. Bunting, Jr., Board Chairman of the Philadelphia Bicentennial Corporation, has called for a feasibility study on an international exposition along the Delaware River to be submitted by the last of this month. "The final plans must be ready for submission to Federal officials in Washington no later than January 1st," Bunting said. He also said that if the final plan isn't ready by January 1st there will be insufficient time remaining to have any exposition in Philadelphia. Meanwhile, over the Labor Day weekend Lt. Governor Kline, Chairman of the State Bicentennial Commission, promised Pennsylvanians that the Keystone State will have a Bicentennial celebration in 1976 "whether there happens to be an expo in Philadelphia or not."

In a major effort to make college classwork relevant to urban problems off campus the National Endowment for the Humanities has awarded George Washington University \$432,730 for a four-year program in community-oriented studies. Under the program announced last week, work-study options will be expanded to permit students to devote a semester to credit-earning work with the ARBC among other Government agencies throughout the next four years.

The Afro-American Bicentennial Corporation, the nonprofit body which has been requested by the ARBC to encourage responsible interest and involvement in the Bicentennial by Black Americans, has added Senator Edward W. Brooke (Mass.), ARBC member, to its advisory board. He agreed by letter, on August 31, 1971, to "become a sponsor of your efforts in behalf of the Bicentennial". For information write:

> The Afro-American Bicentennial Corporation Washington, D. C. 20012 - Telephone: (202) 723-2006

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Ann Hawkes Hutton, author-chairman of the Washington Crossing Park Commission and member of the ARBC will be the principal speaker in Erie, Pa., on Thursday, September 9th, at a meeting of the Erie Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution. She will also speak on Saturday, September 11th, at Pennsylvania State University at a joint meeting of the Centre County Historical Society, Daughters of American Colonists, Daughters of the American Revolution, Sons of the American Revolution and American Legion. On Friday, September 17th, she will be the principal speaker at the Union League in Philadelphia.

New York City Mayor John Lindsay announced last week that construction of the city's new \$100 million convention and exhibition center on the Hudson River will be completed in time for the Bicentennial commemoration in 1976. The city's convention bureau, in anticipation of the completion date, is already booking conventions for the Bicentennial. Construction will begin in 18 months on the center, which will be located between 44th and 47th Streets and will be the largest such facility in the United States.

The Director of the Oklahoma Tourism and Information Division of the Park Department has proposed that part of Oklahoma's participation in the Bicentennial be observed by commemorating the heritage of the American Indian. He suggests that since the American Indian has received no official recognition through a national memorial that Oklahoma host a Bicentennial Exposition which could be transferred into a permanent living monument to the Indian.

Mr. James Biddle, Chairman of the ARBC Heritage Committee, has announced the establishment of four advisory panels to that committee. Duties of the panels, which will consist of 15 members each, will be twofold: to evaluate and examine proposals and to generate appropriate ideas as to what should be considered under the Bicentennial's "Heritage" theme. The four panels will be categorized as historic conservation; commemorative; publications and research; and convocations.

Shelley M. Mark, Director of the Department of Planning and Economic Development of Hawaii, has offered a suggestion in preparation of requests for FY '73. Director Mark says that a good start for Revenue Sharing might be made in the form of direct Federal grants to Governors to establish and finance State Bicentennial Commissions and local celebrations in 1976. He states, "These grants would give full freedom of expression to a variety of cultural areas which would otherwise be hampered in their planning by lack of funds."

Niagara Falls Mayor E. Dent Lackey and R. Wolcott Hooker, Chairman of the city's Bicentennial Commission, have requested that that city, as the third largest international tourist city in the nation, be recommended for a major role in the nation's Bicentennial. In a recent tour by Jack Orchard, ARBC staff, Mayor Lackey and other hosts emphasized that by '76 many city projects including the convention center, downtown mall, Carborundum Center, sewage treatment plant and new expressway will be completed. An International Environmental Center and a Black-American Museum and Culture Center are also planned as Bicentennial projects.

The Washington Evening Star last week ran a three-part series on the Capitol's Bicentennial plans. The reports on the Washington, D. C. Bicentennial Commission discussed a variety of commemorative aspects that will attract the attention of some 45 million projected tourists to the Capitol. Among other plans discussed in the article were the new Metro subway system, the Afro-American Bicentennial Commission, a new tourist center, a new sports arena and many programs scheduled for the Kennedy Center for Performing Arts which opened on September 8th.

Mr. Hugh B. Key, a former Deputy Director of the Peace Corps, on September 6th, joined the ARBC staff as Assistant to the Director of International Activities, Mr. Bill Blue.

Hugh Hall, Deputy Executive Director of ARBC, has accepted Governor Mandel's invitation to meet with the Maryland State Bicentennial Commission September 21st. The Commission will meet on the Governor's Yacht in Annapolis, Maryland. Maryland's Bicentennial program will be discussed.

Thacher Longstreth, candidate for Mayor of Philadelphia, on Wednesday unveiled a 1976 Bicentennial proposal for construction of piers in some 84 U. S. seaports with a floating exposition of ships from other nations. His plan would include the construction with Federal, State and local funds of the piers which would cost \$8-million each and would remain after the Bicentennial celebration to serve the various ports. Longstreth says that Philadelphia would be the focal point and that his plan would not supplant holding an exposition. A "supplemental plan" to the floating expo idea would have the President of the U. S. arrive by specially constructed ship with international and national leaders in Philadelphia Harbor and address the world via television satellite from Independence Hall on July 4, 1976.



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Morris Ford. Executive Director of the Louisiana Tourist Development Commission. has informed the ARBC this week that a Pelican State Bicentennial Commission is being created by executive order and should be active by September 23. Mrs. Palma Munson, Director of Visitor Services, will act as coordinator of activities for the Bicentennial Commission and hopes to attend the full ARBC meeting.

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AREC fall meeting and States workshop to be conducted in Chicago has been changed from September 23-24 to October 7-8. Major conflicts in the schedules of members and other professionals needed for the meeting caused the delay. Format of the meeting and the work session will not change. The Conrad Hilton Hotel will be the site for the two-day Midwestern gathering. More to follow.

Chairman David J. Mahoney has announced that plans are proceeding for a late fall meeting of the 50-State Bicentennial Chairmen in Washington, D. C. Kent Williams, ARBC Speakers' Bureau Chief, is planning coordinator for the meeting. More information to follow.

The United States Travel Service, Department of Commerce, through its regional director in London has requested information on events planned in the original thirteen colonies prior to 1976 to highlight the Revolutionary War period. Agents in London feel such celebrations useful in stimulating interest in Visit USA travel among Revolutionary War enthusiasts.

George B. Hartzog, Jr., Director of the National Park Service, has announced this week that a contract to supply medallions for the National Parks Centennial to be celebrated next year, has been signed with Roche Jaune, Inc., Kalispell, Montana. The design for a series of four commemorative medallions will be based on Yellowstone, the world's first national park. (Congress has authorized \$250,000 for the Park's Centennial program to be available after a minimum of \$300,000 has been raised from private sources. Sales of the medallions are expected to be an important element of this funding, Hartzog said).

At a meeting last week the Denver Olympic Committee announced that the '76 Winter Olympics will.need \$7 million in operating expenses in the next five years from state, city and private sources. Robert J. Pringle, DOC Chairman, said site selection for the games, a major controversy over the past year, will not be determined until early next year after the DOC can review sites at the 1972 Winter Olympics in Sapporo, Japan. Governor love pledged at the meeting that all the facilities for events approved by the International Olympic Committee will be constructed. Senator Peter Dominick praised the meeting saying, "I think we've got the start on being able to put on a very successful and noncontroversial Olympics."

An invitation has been extended to Richard P. Nathan, Assistant Director of the Office of Management and Budget to address the full Commission meeting this fall. Chairman Mahoney has asked Director Nathan to explain the Washington Bicentennial Task Force and how it will recommend to the President what should be included in the D. C. program. It is hoped that this review would provide the Commission with some insights into how such recommendations take place and the significance of the process involved.

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The Philadelphia 1976 Bicentennial Corporation this week dropped the Byberry Expo site in favor of the much studied Penn's Landing, Petty's Island and Camden Waterfront. Total new plans are now being developed for submission to the ARBC and for the BIE in Paris later this year. The decision puts a halt to the indepth study almost complete on the Byberry site by both U. S. Department of Commerce and the ARBC.

Dr. Paul S. Smith, retired President of Whittier College and member of the ARBC, said in a recent address to the Whittier, California Rotarians that the city could enhance its claim to the Nixon Presidential Library and Museum by planning now for the nation's bicentennial celebration. "It is important that Whittier get on the ball," said Dr. Smith, "I don't know of a better way to make an impression in seeking the Nixon Library than to have an excellent bicentennial celebration." The bicentennial celebration he explained, should emphasize who we are, what we are, and what we are striving for, and Dr. Smith suggested that there is no better time than now for Whittier or any other city to be making its plans.

In a wave of "nostalgia fever" for shows of the past, and perhaps gearing up to interest in the Bicentennial, CBS is reviving an old show later this month, "You Are There," which is a show from the past that is also about the past. The story format of the show hopes to give viewers some realistic insights through reinactments of important events in history. One of the first features is to be "Paul Revere's Ride," with Walter Cronkite as anchor man.

The Baltimore News American recently printed an editorial applauding the initiative, imagination and energy of 15-year-old Jamie Gough of Annapolis who is conducting a crusade to win congressional approval of legislation to allow issuance of commemorative currency in 1976. The boy, who is going door to door circulating petitions feels the minting of special coins will help in seeing to it that the Bicentennial is noted in every nook and corner of this country and wherever in the world our money circulates. The News American commended this project to the attention of the Maryland congressional delegation.

Time, Inc. Books is almost half-way through a 10-volume series on the American Revolution, its origins and aftermath. Historian Page Smith, who did two volumes on John Adams, is writing the series. Iour volumes are finished already. The Books Division of Time, Inc. has sent out its first brochure testing mail-order response.

An aide to the Metropolitan Transportation Authority of New York City has projected July 4, 1976 as target date for completion of the new subway being constructed under the East River. Actual service will not begin until 1978.

Bill Blue, ARBC Director of International Activities, has been working with Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, Allen Reich, on the upcoming meeting of Sister Cities Organization to be held September 15-17. Under this program, some 350 American cities are matched with cities abroad. Over 30 ambassadors will be participating at the meeting which will be addressed by Mel Spector, ARBC Executive Director, who will speak on the Sister Cities' program involvement in the Bicentennial.

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An editorial in the Milwaukee Journal recently urged that city and the State of Wisconsin "as a capsule of the American concept" and a true American melting pot to play a unique and major role in the Bicentennial commemoration. The editorial urges Wisconsin to follow the lead of the national commission, which "has set a celebration theme that does not stop at fun and games, parades and fireworks, self-congratulating and boasting abroad. . . rather to re-examine the inherited ideals and values and meanings of America, and to be challenged more nearly to fructify them on the horizon of 1976 and beyond."

Three new staff members have joined the ARBC in recent days. They are Barry F. Gidley, Director, Finance & Audit; William C. Gibbons, Special Assistant, Programs; and Robert P. Meredith, Assistant State Coordinator. Once again the ARBC is grateful to the Federal agencies and departments who cooperated and assisted with these staff additions.



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The ARBC Executive Committee will meet in New York City on Tuesday, September 28 at 8:30 a.m.

ARRC Chairman David Echoney issued a statement on behalf of the entire AREC on Friday, September 17, calling to the attention of all Americans the commemoration of Constitution Day.

As of this date the tentative presentation schedule at the Thursday morning, October 7, session of the Chicago meeting is as follows:

lowa - "Morld Food Expo" by Governor Robert D. Ray and Ken Fulk,
Executive Director of the lowa ARBC; South Dakota - "Mt. Rushmore" by Governor Kneip, Les Helgeland, State ARBC Chairman and State Senator Charles Donnelly, Vice Chairman; Michigan-Detroit Unique Designation Request by Robert Sisson; Missouri - State Sesquecentennial Progress Report by F. E. Buck Robinson; Kentucky - Program Status Report by Clyde Mebb, State ARBC Chairman; and Ohio - Progress Report by Dan Porter, State ARBC Director.

In a recent editorial appearing in the Dallas News a broader focus for the Bicentennial was called for as well as "more money made available for what should be a national event." The editorial backing a nationvide observance concluded with: "We'd like a little more revolutionary fervor."

Two major U.S. entities are discussing a joint venture for a Bicentennial project. Rorth American Reckwell of Detroit and the American Trucking Association are discussing possible sites for a giant painted American flag depicting the thesis "70% of the people on 2% of the land." This urban theme would utilize people figures instead of stars and stripes in a giant 300 ft. space. As an ecological attention-detter a roof of a major Detroit building or a permanent contribution to an expo are being considered as possible sites for the "people flag."

Another national organization to form a Bicentennial Committee is the United States Savings and Lean League. At a recent Executive meeting, the fellowing resolution was approved: "Be it resolved that the Executive Committee of the League enthusiastically endorse the concept and objectives of the Bicentennial eclebration. The eavings and lean business . . . can be expected to make important contributions to this Bicentennial observance. The League President is requested to appoint a special Committee to implement the participation of the savings and loan business and to cooperate with the Bicentennial Commission." State Commission now involved their cavings and loan leaders in their plans.

Toledo, Ohio's Annual Brotherhood USA Festival began on September 17th was the first city in the notion to begin the celebration of America's 200th birthday." The Committee invited ARBC Chairman Mahoney as their honored guest. At the launching they noted "We believe many other communities will wish to soon begin their 'Bicentennial Era' planning. We wish to stimulate, encourage or assist in their development of their own distinctive plans. The Toledo Festival is also designed as a pilot presentation for other communities who may wish to have the Brotherhood USA Festival."

The Bicentennial Coordination Center for Washington, D.C., under the direction of GSA Administrator Robert L. Kunzig has begun preliminary planning for a Federal Bicentennial Exhibit and Information Center in the Great Hall of the Cormerce laileing, made available by Sceretary Maurice Stans. The Center has solicited the support and participation of a number of Federal agencies in its efforts to revitalize the space once used as a patent search area. The Exhibit Center will provide a much needed tourist facility within the Federal Triangle area. Present plans include provision for tourist information facilities, including an expanded government printing office sales outlet, and exhibits designed to provide a broader picture of the types of functions performed by Federal agencies.

The American Bankers Association has selected the Bicentennial as its theme for its upcoming annual conference. The Association hopes to develop a variety of suggestions for participation and contribution over the next five years.

Some Harvard professors have been hired by the Massachusetts Bi-centennial Commission to compile a history of the Massachusetts state government during the Revolutionary War Period.

Members of the <u>Virginia</u> Independence Bicentennial Commission recently toured historic Alexandria surveying <u>possible sites</u> for a <u>bicentennial Theme Center</u> to be selected after a state-wide presentation in <u>Williamsburg</u> on October 8. Delegate Frank E. Mann, former Mayor of Alexandria and a member of the state Commission said he felt the tour was fruitful especially in emphasizing "the very important part Alexandria played in the Revolution."

Chuck Goodspeed, ARBC States Coordinator, met with several state Commissions this week. On Thursday, September 16, he participated as a panelist at the annual meet of the American Association for State and Local History. In Oregon he met with Er. David Pavies of the State ARBC; in Eashington he met with Mr. Bruce Le Roy, Chairman of the State ARFC; and on Friday, September 17, he met with Attorney-General Anthony Park, Idaho ARFC Chairman. On Saturday he met with Assemblyman Charles Conrad, California ARBC Chairman to discuss California's programs and plans for the Southwest States Regional meeting to be held on October 9. On Monday, September 20, Mr. Goodspeed will be the speaker at the 5th annual meeting of the Vestern Michigan Tourist Association.

The Virginia Independence Bicentennial Commission recently passed a resolution urging the protection of George Washington's home at Mount Vernon and its view across the Potomac into Maryland. Commission Chairman Lewis McNurran has forwarded the Resolution to the ARBC and members of the Virginia Congressional delegation for further action. The resolution concludes: "Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Virginia Independence Bicentennial Commission does earnestly petition the Governor to request the President to urge completion of Piscataway National Park on the Maryland shore of the Potomac River, immediately opposite Mount Vernon."

Foreign participation in the Bicentennial was urged by two ARBC staff members on two separate occasions last week. At the meeting of the Sister Cities Organization on September 17, Hel Spector, Executive Director, urged representatives from American cities to stimulate and encourage participation by working closely in the months to come with their foreign counterparts throughout the world. Bill Blue, Director of International Activities, underscored the importance of foreign participation to cultural attaches assembled at a Cosmos Club luncheon, September 14.

Mel Spector, ARBC Executive Director, will address the third annual conference of the Discover America Travel Organizations, meeting in Atlanta, September 29 through October 2. Theme for the event is "Discover America . . . New Directions for the New Leisure," signifying planning by private and government travel interests and encouraging domestic travel.

The National Forest Products Association in its most recent issue of the Association's monthly publication asks its membership to assist the ARBC by suggesting ideas that might offer appropriate participation by the forest products industries in this historical event."



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On September 16, Congressman Lawrence G. Williams was appointed by Speaker of the House Carl Albert to replace Congressman John Saylor who recently resigned as Congressional member of the ARBC. Congressman Williams' appointment takes place immediately. Welcome Congressman Larry Williams from Delaware County, Pennsylvania.

The Bicentennial Council of the 13 Original States will meet this fall in Savannah, Georgia. Their last gathering was this summer in Williamsburg, Virginia.

Washington, D.C. Mayor Walter E. Washington announced last week that he will appoint a new "community-based Bicentennial Commission" in D.C. that will reportedly be much smaller than the present Commission. The Mayor, according to a Washington Post article, is expected to talk to community leaders during the next few weeks about the Washington bicentennial effort and the selection of the new panel.

ARBC Vice Chairman Wobart Lewis with author James Michener participated during one session of a week-long meeting of 22 young Americans who were gathered at Belmont, The Smithsonian Institution's conference center in Maryland to discuss "What the Bicentennial Should Be for The Youth of America." The forum, which was created by communications between ARBC Chairman David J. Kahoney and John D. Rockefeller III, sponsor of the youth gathering, was created:

(1) to produce a document which best expresses their deliberations about important present and future issues in our society; (2) to develop a plan for testing and refining that document in discussion with youth groups in various parts of the country; and (3) to develop recommendations to relate the youth point of view and possible youth activities to the Bicentennial. The youth group will now present its conclusions to the ARBC in Chicago.

A group of Chicago-area citizens, headed by Adm. William O. Gallery, is urging President Nixon to send the warship "Old Ironsides," the U.S.S. Constitution, to the Great Lakes and Chicago as part of that city's observance of the nation's bicentennial in 1974-75. In a letter to several public officials Adm. Gallery said: "The Navy plans to recondition the U.S.S. Constitution and send her on a tour of the East and West Coasts in 1974-75... A tour of the Great Lakes by this famous ship would give a tremendous lift to the patriotic spirit of the people of the Midwest."

The New York Times reported this week that the new Delaware River vite under consideration for the international exposition geographically will be approximately eleven-twelfths under the jurisdiction of the state of New derecy and that the Philadelphia Corporation is expected to unserge a rajor membership change to allow the Governor of New Jersey to appoint equal membership.

The Director of Naval History and curator for the U.S. Navy Department has announced the publication of "Naval Documents of the American Revolution," Volume 5. Volumes 1 through 5 may be purchased from the Superintendent of Documents, Washington, D.C., 20402.

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Some student groups, it has been reported, already are engaged on researching and writing histories of their local communities.

Students at the University of the Pacific, Stockton, California, are preparing a "Time Line" to show what events were occurring in Celifornia parallel with events of the American Revolution.

Florida Governor Reubin Askew recently announced the appointment of N.I. (Bill) Giller and William D. Owens as the first two staff members of the Florida Bicentennial Commission. Hiller was named as Executive Director and Owens as Special Programs Coordinator. At the time of the announcement the Governor stated, "I am very enthusiastic about prospects for the Bicentennial in Florida and what it will mean to this state. Florida is apparently ahead of other states in preparing for the event which will have interest on an international basis."

In commemoration of America's Bicentennial the British Broadcasting Company has announced that they will be showing 13 one-hour color. I'V films in a series entitled "America" that will be produced by the same team that filmed the highly successful "Civilisation" series. The new series on America, is in the process of filming now "on location" with Alistair Cooke, the noted British commentator on the Anglo-American scene, doing commentary on past and present America. Er. Cooke will give his personal portrait of the American profile, seen historically and sociologically.

The Western History Association will sponsor a Colloquim October 17th in Santa Fe, New Mexico, on "The West in the Bicentennial of American Independence." The Bicentennial is to be discussed in several sessions, especially those relating to ethnic groups in the Southwest, museums, Chicanos and a special session featuring Senator Barry Goldwater on "The American Indian Today."

Narold Peterson, curator of the National Park Service, has been named chairman of a new Philadelphia-based advisory committee on 1976 bicentennial souvenirs. Mr. Feterson said he would encourage the production of quality souvenirs and discourage "junk memorabilia posina as authentic military reproductions." The Committee is not an official arm of the ARRC.

Main Street in Yorktown, Virginia, is gradually reverting to the quaint but busy business and residential area it was in the 18th century as homes and shops are being renovated in preparation for the Bicentennial by 1976. Yorktown officials have indicated that British General Cornwallis' surrender to American forces October 19, 1781, will be a main event celebrated during the Bicentennial, as well as the drafting of the Articles of Capitulation.

Spokane, Washington Mayor David H. Rodgers has said that the "interest is there" for a rescue plan for Expo '74, the ecological fair planned by that city. A proposed river-front improvement bond issue garnered only 57% of the necessary 60% favorable vote needed to further develop the Expo. Subsequent to the recent election alternative financing options have been suggested and are under consideration.

The Puchlo Charro Club of Colorado, an organization formed to promote Spanish-American style rodeos, last week sponsored the first of a scries of fund raisers in Pueblo at Minnequa University to build a "Lienzo," a rodeo arena and stadium so that Pueblo can host the national rodeo championships in conjunction with the U.S. Bicentennial and the Colorado Centennial in 1976.

The first of a series of souvenir bottles sponsored by the State Liquor Commission to support New Hampshire's celebration of the bicentennial and Granite State events leading up to the Declaration of Independence will go on sale to the public next week. The collector's item is a replica of the 1818 State House eagle. The actual wooden eagle is on display at the N.H. Historical Society adjacent to the State House.



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Iowa Governor Robert D. Ray, Iowa ARBC Chairman Robert Dillon and Kenneth R. Fulk, Commission Secretary will present Iowa's proposal on a world food expo to the ARBC Commission in Chicago during the state's presentations. The delegation will outline plans to illustrate the development of American agriculture since 1776. The projected theme for Iowa's biccntennial commemoration is "Food With Freedom."

A proposal to name Michigan the nation's transportation center for the Bicentennial will be made at the Chicago State's presentations by Robert H. Sission, representing Michigan Governor William G. Milliken. The proposal is only part of Michigan's commemoration plans that will be discussed in Chicago.

Les Helgeland, Chairman of the South Dakota ARBC together with Governor Richard F. Kneip and Commission Vice Chairman, State Senator Charles E. Donnelly, Jr. will present a film and slide presentation on Thursday in Chicago on the delegation's proposal to make Mount Rushmore the site of a major Bicentennial celebration in 1976. Five Governors have endorsed the proposal which would make this "Shrine of Democracy" a dramatic backdrop for a historical pageant.

In Chicago the ARBC will continue the series of <u>Dynamic Dimension</u>
<u>Seminars</u> in which Commission members meet with a representative
<u>cross-section</u> of the populace of the meeting sites. <u>Mayor Richard J.</u>
<u>Dalcy</u> has made available the <u>Council Chamber in City Hall for an</u>
<u>exchange of ideas with people of the Chicago area on Thursday</u>
<u>afternoon</u>, October 7.

Mrs. Stephen Hart has been elected permanent Chairman of the Colorado 1976 Centennial-Bicentennial Commission. The Commission is composed of 4 legislative members and 5 public members and will be represented at the ARBC's Chicago meeting this week.

Congresswomen Lenore K. Sullivan, Chairman of the Subcommittee on Consumer Affairs of the House Banking and Currency Committee has informed Chairman Mahoney that her subcommittee will be going into Executive Session shortly on H.R. 7987, a bill to provide for the striking of medals in commemoration of the Bicentennial.

John Bunting, President of the Philadelphia Bicentennial '76 Expo Corporation, and Samuel Evans, Vice President, gave a status report to the Executive Board. However, no plans covering the new site were submitted by the Corporation at the meeting.

The Society for the Preservation and encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America, at the direction of its International Executive Committee, has asked its Music Department to put together a bicentennial show which will be distributed along with music to all its seven hundred chapters for use in 1976. The organization believes its new show will help "preserve and perpetuate one of the few native American art forms . . . Barber Shop singing."

At the ARBC Executive Committee meeting in New York City on Tuesday, September 28, the slide and film presentations of the Communications Committee were discussed. The slide presentation for use by State Commission and organizations and associations is near completion. The film, being prepared for Educational-TV and multi-institutional use, should be completed by Thanksgiving.

The Bell Telephone System will celebrate its 100th anniversary in 1976. The ARBC has learned that executives at American lelephone & Telegraph, the parent company, are working on a commemorative program for Bell's birthday. Interested State and local Bicentennial Commissions might want to consider coordinating plans with state Bell systems.

On October 14, the ARBC will participate in an open discussion during the Syracuse, N.Y., Bicentennial Town Meeting.

Mr. Vic Powell from the office of Congressman G. William Whitehurst, ARBC member, will deliver an eight-minute slide presentation on George Washington's boyhood farm in Fredericksburg, Virginia, at the Chicago meeting of the ARBC. Mr. Powell's presentation is in response to considerable interest in reconstructing and renovating the farm--the place where the Father of our Country allegedly threw a silver dollar across the Rappahannock River and chopped down his father's cherry tree.

The ARBC legislation (Authorization S.1857 and H.R. 7374), which was introduced in Senate and House last Spring must now wait until after the President's Supreme Court nominees have been considered, before Senate Judiciary acts. (There is an informal agreement between the Senate and House Judiciary Committees that the Senate will handle the matter first.) A request has been made that the authorization be for two years instead of one. A favorable response has been received.

The ARBC budget request of 4.3 million for fiscal year 1972 was included in the President's Budget with a notation that ARBC funds would be requested in a separate message to Congress

On June 7, 1971, a request for 1.9 million was transmitted to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House for Salaries and Expenses of ARBC for FY 1972. We have been told that this amount will be included in the first supplemental appropriation request for FY 1972, which is expected to be introduced in Congress in early October.

Office of Management and Budget has also advised us that the remaining 2.4 million, to provide for grants-in-aid to the states for FY 1972, may be transmitted to the Congress simultaneously with the President's Budget for FY 1973, in January 1972.

Gov. Linwood Nolton recently urged that the Virginia observance of the nation's Bicentennial "involve all parts of Virginia and all segments of Virginia society." The occasion was the first state-wide forum of the Virginia Independence Bicentennial Commission for representatives of localities, historical and civic organizations, museums, and the travel and tourist industries. Governor Holton said that, in planning for the Bicentennial, he hoped "we look as much to the present and future as to the past. By this I mean I hope our Bicentennial will be infused with a sense of purpose, a sense of continuing mission to mankind just as were our founding fathers of two centuries ago."

Mel Spector, ARBC Executive Director addressed the New Orleans chapter of the Military Order of World Wars on September 28, on the international, national and local plans under development for the bicentennial celebration. The New Orleans chapter of the MOWW has undertaken a movement within organizations in the area to stimulate early planning for, and the conduct of appropriate patriotic activities at the local level during the Bicentennial Era.

Phi Beta Kappa's Bicentennial Year coincides with that of the American Revolution. On December 5, 1976, Phi Beta Kappa will have participated for 200 years in the intellectual life of the United States. In recognition of that occasion, the Society's United Chapters plan to sponsor a series of books with the general title "Han Thinking in America," and have also commissioned a Bicentennial poem. To find appropriate authors for the books the Society will award a minimum of five Fellowships with stipends of \$20,000 each. Competition is open until October 15. Application forms and further information may be obtained from Richard Schlatter, Phi Beta Kappa Bicentennial Fellowships, Provost's Office, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey 08903.

The Department of State's September Newsletter has an article with pictures entitled "Looking Ahead to America's Bicentennial," which emphasizes the role of foreign participation, as well as the State Department.

The Executive Board approved by resolution an endorsement procedure for use of official ARBC Logo. The Resolution will go to the full Commission at the Chicago meeting. Detailed information will be made available by the staff as soon as possible after final approval by the full Commission.

At the States Workshop Sessions in Chicago the 16 States attending will be the first to preview the ARBC slide presentation.

The Executive Board directed the staff to proceed with plans for the design and promotion of an official ARBC medal. Legislation that would authorize the official medal, similar to the 1876 Centennial, is presently on Capitol Hill.



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Philadelphia Expo Corp given until December 15th by ARBC Commission at Chicago meeting to submit a final proposal to stage an International Expo in '76 as a part of the Bicentennial.

During the ARRC Executive Session, October 8, 1971, Chicago, representatives of the youth group that met last month in Belmont, Maryland, appeared before the Commission for a one-hour discussion that concluded with the presentation to the Commission of 14 separate reports.

Smithsonian Institution Secretary S. Dillon Ripley in a recently published comment discussed the Smithsonian's many Bicentennial plans.

Among goals for 1976 he stated, "We hope to have an exciting new Air and Space Museum to show our guests. The Joseph H. Birshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden is already under construction. We will have a decorative art gallery, the Renwick, and new exhibit areas in the Museums. There will be special exhibits in the National Collection of Fine Arts and the National Portrait Gallery. We hope also to have by then a Bicentennial Park on the Potomac River, dedicated to showing the experience of Americans, particularly those who fought the Revolution in the 1770's. We hope to have completed a major reconstruction of the National Zoo."

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Mr. Pat Dodson, Chairman of the Florida Biechtennial Commission has informed the ARBC that the Florida legislature and Governor Askew have enacted into law a measure to make available proceeds from performances of horse and dog racing and jai alai "providing that the total proceeds, not to exceed \$350,000 in any year, will be appropriated to the state bicentennial commission for the purpose of carrying out its statutory duties."

During the State Workshop Sessions at the Chicago ARBC meeting current progress presentations and suggestions for the 16 Midwest states were given by Bernard Bush, Executive Director, New Jersey Historical Commission; Mary Darcey, Executive Director, Massachusetts Revolutionary War Bicentennial Commission; George Ebner, Executive Director, Bicentennial Commission of Pennsylvania; Dr. Louis L. Tucker, Executive Director, New York State ARBC; Mrs. Gene J. Riddle, Associate Executive Director, ARBC of Texas; and Pat Dodson, Chairman Florida Bicentennial Commission.

The KATULANI, last of the American-built square-rigged ships still afloat, lies half sunken and leaking in Subic Bay of the Phillipines. The old vessel was built at Bath, Maine in 1899, and has served a dramatic career under the American flag. The National Maritime Nistorical Society now owns the ship, and with a loan from the Maritime Administration is planning to re-rig her in time to earry the Biecutennial message from port to port along the East and Gulf coasts in 1976.

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ARBC Director of Communications, Daniel Buser, addressed the National Conference of Editorial Writers on October 13 at their annual meeting in Pittsburgh. Mr. Buser discussed Bicentennial awareness during the General Business Session of the editors.

The Montgomery County, Maryland Council last week created a 21-member Bicentennial Commission. This County was created by the Maryland General Assembly on September 6, 1776. Members of the Commission will be appointed by the county executive and confirmed by the Council.

The establishment of a <u>Wisconsin ARBC</u> is called for in a bill introduced in the State Assembly recently by the State Affairs Committee at the request of Governor Lucey. The proposal establishes the celebration in the State from January 1, 1972 until December 31, 1987.

The Southwestern Regional American Bicentennial Council composed of the Commissions of Arizona, California, Nevada, New Mexico, Texas and Utah elected Mrs. Gene Riddle of Texas as Chairman for the coming year at their meeting held in Buena Park, California, October 9th.

BOT Assistant Secretary Ingram reported at the ARBC Commission meeting in Chicago October 8 that eastern corridor high speed rail transportation is feasible by 1976. Price tag is an estimated 2 billion dollars.

"You Are The Flag" an excellent, color story of the American flag is presented in a special booklet by the Flag Plaza Foundation and is available for groups by courtesy of the Duquesne Light Company, Pittsburgh, Pa. in conjunction with the Boy Scouts of America.

Glen Allen Scott, associate editor of the Virginian-Pilot has been chosen chairman of the ARBC of the historic City of Norfolk, Va.

Dr. T. Harry Williams, noted member of the LSU history faculty has been named by Governor McKeithen to be chairman of the Louisiana Bicentennial Commission. Executive vice chairman named are Mrs. Edwin Blum, New Orleans, and Judge Walter Peters, Jennings.

Denver Olympic Committee Chairman, Robert J. Pringle, has announced that a planning board has been named to assist in selecting sites and planning facilities for the '76 winter games. The board has representatives in ecology, engineering, architecture, forestry, landscape architecture, economics and geology. The group will meet periodically to review progress and consult with governmental agencies to coordinate planning.

The Council of Priests has asked that the Archdiocese of Philadelphia take the initiative in presenting a program to the American bishops to insure that the Catholic Church takes a prominent part in the U.S. Bicentennial celebrations.



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Most of the 16 Midwestern States meeting in Chicago, Oct. 7-8, indicated that federal grants and funds are desperately needed to "seed" implementation of state bicentennial programs and events for the national commemoration.

John Ingram, Federal Railroad Administrator representing the Department of Transportation, told the ARBC regional meeting in Chicago on October 8 that one of the best possible bicentennial contributions to the nation would be to improve public transportation, particularly the railroads, by 1976. He stated, "transportation improvements for the Bicentennial Celebration should concentrate on public passenger transportation and on service improvements and capacity expansion which can be made with the least possible consumption of new land and with the least possible other adverse environmental impact."

Chairman Mahoney announced in Chicago that four regional offices to coordinate national, state and local bicentennial activities will be established in Atlanta, Roston, Chicago and San Francisco. The new regional offices are the first of ten to be set up to insure that the anniversary commemoration is representative of the sentiments of the people of all fifty states.

Chairman Mahoney presented Chicago's Mayor Richard Daley with one of the first sets of official Bicentennial ouff links to be presented on a limited issue. The ouff links handsomely depict the ARDC symbol in gold.

Because of the delay in obtaining the AREC budget for Fiscal Year '72, the Fifty States lieeting originally scheduled to take place late this year has been rescheduled for early 1972.

The State Coordination Staff of the ARBC is in the process of compiling and publishing ARBC State handbooks which will be available and mailed from Washington at the end of this month.

The Dynamic Dimension Seminar hosted by Chicago Mayor Richard Daley in the Council Chamber of City Hall on October 7 brought forth an interested cross-section of people from the Windy City. Many varying groups pledged their support of the ARBC following the first showing of the ARBC slide presentation.

All of the State and local presentations made before the full Commission in Chicago on October 7 will be forwarded to the proper ARBC committees for further action and consideration.

In <u>San Antonio</u>, Texas, the <u>City Council</u> recently appointed a <u>Bicentennial committee</u> with <u>B. J. "Red" Combs as Chairman</u>. The <u>HemisFair Plaza Advisory Committee recommended citizens appointed</u> by the <u>Council to serve</u> as committee members.

Pates for the Bicentennial Council meeting of the Thirteen Original States in Savannah, Georgia, are October 21-24.

Senator Harry F. Byrd, Jr., of Virginia, ARBC Commission member, will be the principal speaker for the Yorktown Day celebration on October 19. The ceremony will commemorate the 190th anniversary of Lord Cornwallis' surrender of the British army to American forces at Yorktown, Va.

James M. Barnett, Executive Director of the Kentucky Historical Events Celebration Commission, told the ARBC in Chicago that Kentucky proposes aclebrating the Bicentennial Era in 1974 by observing its own state Bicentennial and continuing events through 1976. He proposed a \$17.6 million budget of state funds during the 1974-76 liennium, which includes the 1994 running of the Kentucky Derby in 1974 and the U.S. Bicentennial.

John T. Cunningham, Chairman of the New Jersey Historical Commission, has urged the New Jersey Congressional delegation in Washington to support the ARBC's legislation H.R. 7374 and S, 1857.

The ARBC staff will participate in the following speaking engagements and events: the <u>Southwest Regional Bicentennial</u> meeting in Anaheim, California, on October 3; the <u>Lincoln Heritage Trail Association</u> in Springfield on October 12; the <u>National Conference of Editorial Writers</u> in Pittsburgh on October 13; the <u>Syraeuse</u>, <u>New York town meeting</u> on October 14, and the <u>Managers and Directors Conference</u> at the University of North Carolina on October 15th.

A workshop entitled Focus '76 conducted at the State Department was attended by 350 representatives from women's groups, civic and professional organizations, and businesses and trade associations in Washington, D.C. Participants discussed suggestions on how the nation's capital can channel information and know-how on housing, hospitality, currency exchange, guide service, transport tion, security and police protection, food and health services. Language and interpretative assistance in 1976.

The Maryland Bicentennial Commission held a conference entitled "Maryland and the Bicentennial: Historical Considerations," at Western Maryland College on October 2. The meeting was conducted by the Commission's historical committee.

Special local news from Virginia: The city council of Newport News authorized a bid last week to make part of the city's watershed property the center of the state's observance of the five-year Bicentennial Era . . . And the Appomattox County Board of Supervisors named a committee of three to plan the county's Bicentennial participation . . . Meanwhile the Alexandria Bicentennial Commission has compiled a 75-page chronology of life in that Virginia community during the Revolution. (Incidentially,

the town commission's telephone number is KIng 8-1776 and Chairman James Goldsmith says they are fighting to get rid of the "KIng."

If anyone has an old portrait of Virginia signers of the Declaration of Independence, the Virginia Independence Bicentennial Commission would like to know about it. The same is true for hiographical info on the document's signers, for historical accounts and records on the participation of Virginia military units in the Revolution and for family records of their aneestors' roles in the conflict. The Commission intends to compile the information in a publication.

The Discover America Tourist Organization's (DATO) Bicentennial Committee met last week in Atlanta to develop plans for their involvement in the nation's 200th celebration. The Committee will begin at once to coordinate details through Chairman Thomas McCaskey and Vice-Chairman John Alexander.



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Vice Chairman Hobart Lewis testified before a House Appropriations Subcommittee in support of the ARBC budget request of \$1.9 million for FY 1972 on October 5. He advised the Subcommittee on Interior and Related Agencies chaired by Congresswoman Julia Butler Hansen, that an additional appropriation request of \$2.4 million would be submitted later to fund a proposed grant program for the state Bicentennial commissions. Chairman David J. Mahoney testified in support of the budget request before the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on the Interior on October 12. ARBC funds will be included in a supplemental appropriation bill which is expected to receive early Congressional action.

A 28-minute sound and color film of the launching of the Bicentennial Era featuring the addresses of President Nixon, Speaker Albert and Chief Justice Burger from the National Archives Building on July 3, is available from the ARBC for use by all interested groups. Ten prints are available on loan on a first come, first served basis or prints may be purchased outright by writing the ARBC Office of Communications.

The ARBC Philatelic Advisory Panel will meet on Tuesday, October 26, as announced by Chairman John C. Chapin, Special Assistant to The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

The ARBC State Coordination Office will send the <u>new State Handbooks</u> to Commissioners and State Chairman and Executive Directors <u>next</u> week from ARBC Headquarters.

State Coordination Director Chuck Goodspeed addressed some 400 Rotarians attending the West Florida Rotary Conference in Tampa on October 22nd. He spoke on the ARBC's national objectives.

The Washington Post reported last week that "a group of young New Left radicals" has formed a "People's American Revolutionary Bicentennial Commission with a five-year plan for offsetting the official and government-backed celebrations scheduled between now and 1976." "We intend to rekindle the true revolutionary spirit of '76," said Jeremy Rifkin, one of its founders. "To be true to its revolutionary origins, the bicentennial must not be a revolution in rhetoric, but a revolution in fact."

Mr. James Pasley has been appointed Executive Director of the Missouri ARBC by Governor Hearnes. Mr. Pasley from Jefferson City is Director of the Missouri Tourism Commission.

Under a preservation program inaugurated recently, the Bucks County (Pa.)
Historical-Tourist Commission (BCHTC) is providing free professional
architectural advice for owners of old or believed-to-be historic homes,
as an overall idea to prepare for the Bicentennial. "This is general
advice from the architects," said Mrs. Ann Hawkes Hutton, past president
of the BCHTC and ARBC member. "Actually, there are some fundamentals here
for everybody."

The Virginia Travel Council has introduced a project, "Help Our Environment" as an industry-wide program to celebrate the nation's 200th anniversary. The program puts the travel industry squarely behind the environmental effort in Virginia and ties the goal to the national bicentennial. In a report the Council stated: "We recommend to the Board of Directors and Officers that a high level committee be named to plan this part of Virginia Travel Council Bicentennial Program and to report on its recommendations at the January annual meeting in Roanoke."

The New York State ARBC met on October 15 in Schulerville (Old Saratoga) for its fall meeting in line with its policy of meeting in various sections of the state. Dr. E. K. Fretwell, Jr., vice chairman of the Commission, presided over the business session. At the meeting the Commission discussed the progress of two important projects: (1) the striking of an official medallion to commemorate New York's participation in the American Revolution; and (2) the production of a twenty-five minute color film which will give an overall view of the American Revolution in New York.

Not long ago, Mrs. Mayra Scarborough, a 55 year-old librarian from Nutley, New Jersey and a member of the Essex County ARBC, completed a 10-week tour of the country and commented that she was pleased to discover that "the simple people, the working people, remain as interested and concerned about each other as you read of the early people's concern for, and interest in, each other." Mrs. Scarborough, who was told by a young man during her trip "you've just destroyed my concept of middle-aged people," toured the country on her 450 cc white honda motorcycle.

Mrs. Edwin H. Blum, Executive Vice Chairman of the Louisiana ARBC and President of the state's Council for Music and Performing Arts, has informed the ARBC that Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright Paul Green-"the dean of American historical dramatists"--has been commissioned to produce an outdoor Bicentennial drama. Green's play will portray the story of Juchereau de St. Denis and how he brought civilization to the Louisiana territory when he established the French military and trading post called Fort Natchitoches near Shreveport in 1714. The play is scheduled to open in 1973 or '74 for several six-week preview runs before the Bicentennial performances in a proposed, new open-air amphitheatre at Natchitoches in '76. Funds are being raised now by popular subscription to the Louisiana Outdoor Drama Association.

An editorial appearing recently in the Milwaukee Journal urges the Wisconsin legislature to pursue legislation creating a bicentennial commission. The editorial states that citizens should begin planning this fall. "The assignment will be a big one; it will take all the time there is left to carry it out in the required style."

Mr. David Hansen, ARBC Program Officer for Heritage '76 attended a meeting with members of the New Mexico Bicentennial Commission last week and also attended a colloquim sponsored by the Western History Association in Santa Fe on the Bicentennial and the West. Representatives of the western states attended this meeting and discussed their various plans for celebrating the Bicentennial.

The Miami (Fla.) Herald reports that the biggest taxpayer-financed bond issue in Dade County history is being put together. Top item on the list is to be a circular Metro link between downtown Miami and the North Dade "Graves Track" by the time the bicentennial celebration starts in '76.

Currently a bill is pending in the U.S. Senate that would establish procedures for a Constitutional Convention upon the application of 2/3's of the state legislatures. If such a measure should pass, a Constitutional Convention could conceivably be set up with the Bicentennial as a focal point.

Kent Williams, ARBC Speaker's Bureau Chief, recently met with three groups on Bicentennial activities: the Southwest Regional, the International Festival Association, and the Hawaii 200 Congress.

Dr. Frank R. Mark, '76 Federal Health Coordinator, Health Services and Mental Health Administration of HEW, is planning with the ARBC Program Development and Coordination Office the development of emergency health services for both domestic and international visitors to Bicentennial events.

ARBC Program Officer Sam Johnson is attending a four-day conference of the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History at Washington's Shoreham Hotel. Addresses will be given by Harold R. Sims, Executive Director, National Urban League and King V. Cheek, President, Morgan State College.

The Philadelphia Inquirer reported last week that U.S. Commissioner of Public Buildings Arthur F. Sampson, who served as budget secretary in the cabinet of ex-Pennsylvania Governor Raymond P. Shafer, is expected to be named acting president of the Bicentennial Corporation of Philadelphia later this month at a salary of \$60,000 to \$80,000 per year.



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Mrs. Gene Riddle, Associate Executive Director of the Texas ARBC, reports that the Temple, Texas 200-member high school band has been asked by CBS for the 8th year to present the half-time program of the Dallas Cowboy-Los Angeles Rams game to be broadcast on Thanksgiving Day, November 25th. The Temple High group will feature "The Texas Bicentennial Era" as their theme for the nationally televised event and a color post card will be made of the finale of the program. CBS will not interrupt the half-time program, which will also include the Dallas Civic Chorus.

In announcing subjects for a major portion of the 1972 philatelic program Postmaster General Winton M. Blount this week said that there will be a set of stamps, perhaps three or four, continuing the commemoration of the American Revolution Bicentennial. He also noted that the series is expected to continue through 1976, and possibly until 1983.

The Philatelic Advisory Panel of the ARBC held its second meeting on Tuesday, October 26, in Washington. John C. Chapin, Chairman, underscored the importance of inviting all the philatelic community, both nationally and internationally, to join in the bicentennial stamp activities. Plans were also laid to present <u>Bicentennial exhibits at various philatelic</u> shows. It was announced at the meeting that a joint subcommittee of the Philatelic Advisory Panel and the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee of the U.S. Postal Service is meeting to study the series of Bicentennial stamps for 1972, as announced by Postmaster-General Winton Blount.

Mr. James Copley, Chairman of the ARBC Communications Committee, will address the annual meeting of the National Newspaper Association in New Orleans on November 12. As the featured guest Mr. Copley will brief the 500 assembled newspaper executives at their banquet on the bicentennial and present the bicentennial slide program as part of his presentation.

James A. Wehn, Seattle sculptor, was commissioned recently to design a Washington State medal to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the American Revolution. The action was taken by the State ARBC to make the medal available for public circulation in early 1972. The Commission approved the preliminary drawings submitted by the famous historic sculptor.

In a recent editorial the <u>Greenville (S.C.)</u> News praised the appointment of former <u>State Senator Bradley Morrah as Chairman of the South Carolina ARBC.</u> The <u>cditorial also stated</u>, "It is time to get going on bicentennial <u>planning because 1976</u>, the year of the celebration, is just around the corner. If South Carolina is to play the important role it should in the "Spirit of '76' endeavor, the state must move now. South Carolina should strive to make a big showing in the national celebration of the Revolution."

Similarly, an editorial appearing in the Shreveport (La.) Journal stated, "Our state commission will need the help of patriotic and historical organizations, state and parish agencies and civic groups. The greater the participation of citizens, the more meaningfull the commemoration will be."

A committee of 17 residents of Camden, N. J. has been appointed to foster community participation in the 1976 bicentennial celebration. The Committee, called the Interim Community Council for the Bicentennial, was named last week by an ad hoc meeting called to promote the bicentennial.

The <u>Pennsylvania Bicentennial Commission</u> held its recent meeting last week in the <u>Long Room of Independence Hall</u>. The Commission got the first view of current restoration work going on in the historic room.

At the first meeting recently of the <u>San Antonio Bicentennial Committee</u> Chairman B.J. (Red) McCombs appointed vice presidents for planning in each of the ARBC's three major planning areas: Heritage, Open House USA, and Horizons. At the meeting <u>Dr. George R. Woolfok</u>, vice chairman of the <u>Texas Commission</u>, said the <u>Bicentennial will celebrate</u> "one of man's finest hours." He stressed the <u>multi-cultural</u> and <u>multi-ethnic approach</u> to planning local projects, and said that every citizen should have an opportunity to participate.

Sylvan Meyer, head of the South Florida Bicentennial Commission and Editor of the Miami News, reports that under the state's new law to make a portion of racing receipts available for the bicentennial that Calder this month produced more than \$16,000 while Flagler Kennel Club took in \$25,000 for the bicentennial. More races are scheduled and Mr. Meyer notes that the tracks have cooperated with the state commission and sent in the funds quickly so the bicentennial work can get going.

Mr. Gaston Papeloux, Secretary-General of Paris Match magazine in France met last week with the International Activities Office of the ARBC on an official visit to study the feasibility of a sound and light show gift on behalf of the people of France to the USA for the bicentennial.

Mr. Papeloux accompanied by Hugh Key of the ARBC staff visited Mount Vernon, Independence Hall, Valley Forge, Yorktown, Williamsburg and Monticello--all possible sites for a French son ct lumiere bicentennial program.

Two officials of the American Automobile Manufacturers Association will meet with the ARBC staff on Wednesday, November 3, to discuss their organization's possible bicentennial programs.

Reports indicate that the Loyal Order of Moose will hold its 1976 International Convention in Washington, during bicontennial activities,

July 3-8. It is expected that the group would bring about 12,000 to the nation's capital and will occupy the Washington Hilton and Shoraton Park Hotels. The organization has indicated strong support for particular Bicentennial events that can be built into their convention program.

Members of the 3rd Infantry gave a preview for the press last Thursday of the military pageant which will be the first show in Scope when it opens November 12. The pageant, "Spirit of America," will trace great moments in American history and be performed by 500 soldiers from the elite Army unit from Ft. Myer, near Washington. This will be the first performance of the full two-hour show outside Washington. The pageant will run for three days.

A grant just made by Lilly Endowment, Inc., will enable the University of Michigan's Clements Library to pursue its statistical study of the Revolutionary War as a contribution to the bicentennial observance of that conflict. The study aims to answer three questions: the number of men who lost their lives in battle and in eamp; the changing size of the Continental Army month by month; and the number of men who bore arms in the Revolution as members of the Continental Army or of the state militias.

The "Symbol of '76" 1,200 pounds of copper entirely hand-carved over 25 years was immigrant George Persak's personal pledge of allegiance to America. The Declaration of Independence and the Articles of Confederation as well as portraits of the signers of the Declaration of Independence are among the carvings wrought into the masterpiece found among the belongings of this solitary Philadelphia resident after his death, as reported in last Sunday's Philadelphia Inquirer.

Virginia News Items: The Virginia Independence Bicentennial Commission recently selected Yorktown as the center for the historic celebration of the anniversary of the Revolutionary War, but it underscored the fact that all communities in the Commonwealth will play a role in the observance to "involve people of all ages, interest, races, and from all sections of the stote" . . . The Newport News Ircss reports that a Bicentennial Center is to be located conveniently close to the Yorktown Battlefield, on 1,000 acres of Newport News city property . . . Meanwhile the Alexandria Gazette reports that the city has received the go-ahead from the State Commission for a Bicentennial Information Center. The site lies on the direct and seenic route between the present U.S. Capitol and Mount Vernon. . . . The city of Charlottesville, home of Jefferson's historic Monticello and the University of Virginia, intends also to be a major part of Virginia bicentennial activity. The Charlottesville Progress states that as the Western point this city would be an appropriate part of the Bicentennial theme "triangle."



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THE ASSOCIATION OF BRITISH TRAVEL AGENTS IS CONSIDERING HOLDING ITS ANNUAL CONVENTION IN THE UNITED STATES IN 1976 FOR THE BICENTENNIAL. THE ABTA IS WORKING WITH THE DIRECTOR OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION OFFICE OF THE U.S. TRAVEL SERVICE ON POSSIBLE SITES FROM AMONG CHICAGO, BOSTON, WASHINGTON, LOS VEGAS, LOS ANGELES AND SAN FRANCISCO.

A TENTATIVE \$16.5 MILLION PLAN BY THE MARYLAND BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION HAS BEEN SUBMITTED TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S BUDGET AND AUDIT COMMITTEE. BRUCE K. PRICE, COMMISSION DIRECTOR, SAID THE REPORT OF THE 15-MEMBER COMMISSION IS MERELY A WORKING DEAFT AND THAT NEXT MONTH THE COMMISSION WILL DECIDE PROPOSALS TO ADOPT AND REQUEST OF THE '72 LEGISLATURE. THE INITIAL REPORT STATES THAT THE STATE WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR APPROXIMATELY ONLY ONE-FOURTH OF THE FUNDS. THE BALANCE WOULD BE PROVIDED MAINLY FROM THE PRIVATE SECTOR.

THE "GRAVES TRACK" LOCATION IN NORTH DADE COUNTY FLORIDA TOOK A STEP TOWARD ITS 1976 OPENING FOR THE BICENTENNIAL AS A PERMANENT "PARK FOR THE PEOPLE." LAST WEEK THE ROUSE COMPANY ISSUED ITS FIRST PROGRESS REPORT APPROVING THE FOLLOWING FOR THE 1,700-ACRE SITE: A SECOND CAMPUS FOR FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY, AN ADVANCED DESIGN ODOR-FREE WASTE TREATMENT PLANT, A NORTH DADE GOVERNMENT CENTER (INCLUDING A FIRE AND POLICE STATION), AN OLETA RIVER NATURE RESERVE, A NEWLY ALIGNED SECTION OF U.S. 1, A NORTH MIAMI RECREATION AREA, A REGIONAL RAPID-TRANSIT SYSTEM, AN EXHIBITION AND ENTERTAINMENT AREA, AN INTER-AMERICAN TRADE CENTER, AND INTER-AMERICAN CONFERENCE CENTER, AND A \$15 MILLION, 1,049-FOOT OBSERVATION TOWER WITH REVOLVING RESTAURANT.

THE MEDAL STRUCK BY THE PHILADELPHIA CONVENTION AND TOURIST BUREAU AND THE CONTINENTAL BANK (PHILADELPHIA) TO COMMEMORATE THAT CITY AS THE BICENTENNIAL CITY IS PART OF THE PERMANENT COLLECTION OF THE PENNSYLVANIA HISTORIC MEDALS IN THE CARNEGIE MUSEUM IN PITTSBURGH. THE MEDAL IS THE THIRD IN A SERIES TO "HONOR PEOPLE, PLACES AND THINGS SIGNIFICANT TO PHILADELPHIA HISTORY."

IT WAS REPORTED IN THE NEW YORK TIMES THIS WEEK THAT COMMISSIONER HARVEY I. RIESEMAN, WHO HEADS THE DADE COUNTY MASS TRANSIT COMMISSION, HAS SAID THAT THE FIRST PART OF THEIR NEW HIGH-SPEED TRANSIT SYSTEM, A ONE-MILE TRACK BETWEEN NORTH MIAMI AND MIAMI BEACH, WILL BE COMPLETED BY '76 IN TIME FOR THE BICENTENNIAL.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND WILL CELEBRATE THE CENTENARY OF ITS ENTRY INTO THE CONFEDERATION OF CANADA IN 1973. R. JRWIN JENKINS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, INFORMS THE ARBC THAT THE CENTENNIAL COMMISSION BEGAN ITS PREPARATION IN 1969, AND WILL BE EXCHANGING SUGGESTIONS WITH THE ARBC.

THE NEW JERSEY HISTORICAL COMMISSION WILL PRESENT ITS THIRD ANNUAL NEW JERSEY HISTORY SYMPOSIUM, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4, IN THE AUDITORIUM OF THE STATE MUSEUM, TRENTON. BICENTENNIAL COORDINATION WILL BE A KEY TOPIC OF THE MEETING WHICH IS OPEN 10 ALL INTERESTED.

AT A RECENT MEETING OF INTERESTED ONONDAGA COUNTY CITIZENS IN SYRACUSE, NEW YORK SPONSORED BY THE CULTURAL RESOURCES COUNCIL, THE DIRECTOR OF THE PROGRESSIVE, NEW EVERSON MUSEUM (WHICH IS CURRENTLY DISPLAYING THE YOKO ONO ART EXHIBIT) STATED THAT EVERSON IS ALREADY THINKING OF ITS PART IN THE CELEBRATION. "WE WOULD LIKE TO BE A BICENTENNIAL INFORMATION CENTER FOR THE REGION," THE DIRECTOR STATED.

ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4, ARBC STATES COORDINATOR, ADDRESSED THE STUDENT BODY OF SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY IN DALLAS AND ON FRIDAY HE REPRESENTED THE ARBC AT THE SWEARING-IN CEREMONIES BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE NEW MEMBERS OF THE ARKANSAS BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION IN LITTLE ROCK.

ARKANSAS GOVERNOR BUMPERS HAS ANNOUNCED THE APPOINTMENT OF NINE MEMBERS OF THE NEW BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION COMMITTEE FOR ARKANSAS. THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS ARE PERRIN JONES, EDITOR OF THE SEARCY DAILY CITIZEN: DR. JOHN FERGUSON OF LITTLE ROCK, STATE HISTORIAN: MRS. GEORGE ROSE SMITH OF LITTLE ROCK, DR. JAMES CHASE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS AT FAYETTEVILLE, JUDGE JAMES E. HYATT, JR. OF OSCEOLA, CHARLES TRAMMELL OF ASHDOWN, JACK GARDNER OF HOPE, EARLE JOHNSON OF MOUNTAIN HOME AND RICHARD GOWER OF JONESBORO. SECRETARY IS LOU OBERSTE,

THE WASHINGTON POST STATED THIS WEEK, "SOUVENIRS OF THE AMERICAN BICENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION FIVE YEARS FROM NOW ARE ALREADY BEING TURNED OUT WITH THE FERVOR OF PATRIOTIC RHETORIC." IT SITES AS AN EXAMPLE THE 56 silver medals BEARING THE LIKENESSES OF THE SIGNERS OF THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE AND BEING ISSUED BY THE FRANKLIN MINT AT A PRICE OF \$9.50 PER MEDAL. IN ADVERTISEMENTS THE ENTERPRISE BEARS THE ENDORSEMENT OF THE BICENTENNIAL COUNCIL OF THE THIRTEEN ORIGINAL STATES.

CHAIRMAN OF THE AMERICAN MINING CONGRESS' SILVER COMMITTEE, PHIL LINDSTROM, HAS SAID THAT A BICENTENNIAL "SILVER DOLLAR" IS NEEDED ON THE EVE OF OUR 200TH ANNIVERSARY TO ACCOMPLISH "A SENSE OF RE-UNITY." IT WOULD HAVE A PROFILE OF PATRICK HENRY, PERHAPS, AND A REPRESENTATION OF THE LIBERTY BELL. LIKE THE EISENHOWER DOLLAR NOW BEING MINTED, IT WOULD CONTAIN 40 PERCENT SILVER BY WEIGHT. BUT UNLIKE THE EISENHOWER DOLLAR-WHICH WILL BE SOLD FOR THREE DOLLARS IN MINT CONDITION-THE BICENTENNIAL DOLLAR WOULD BE SOLD FOR ONE DOLLAR THROUGH THE BANKING SYSTEM. AIM IS TO ACHIEVE WIDE DISTRIBUTION, LINDSTROM SAID.

OFFICIAL ARBC MEDALS--ONLY THE AUTHORIZATION IS NEEDED FOR THIS IMPORTANT ARBC LEGISLATION. THE HOUSE BILL IS HR 7987 INTRODUCED ON MAY 3RD BY CONGRESSMEN PATTMAN, SULLIVAN AND WIDNALL. THE SENATE BILL IS S.1766 INTRODUCED MAY 4TH BY SENATORS SPARKMAN, BENNETT, PPOXMIRE AND TOWER. HE ARINGS WERE HELD BY THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON CONSUMER AFFAIRS OF THE HOUSE BANKING COMMITTEE ON JUNE 29, 1971. THE SUBCOMMITTEE IS READY TO MARK-UP (FINAL DRAFT FOR PRESENTATION TO FULL COMMITTEE).

IN AN ARTICLE WRITTEN FOR THE OCTOBER 31 NEW YORK TIMES, ROBERT MOSES, CHIEF ARCHITECT OF THE NEW YORK WORLD'S FAIR STATED, "LET ME SERIOUSLY URGE THAT SINCE THE OCCASION (BICENTENNIAL) IS TRULY NATIONAL, THE CENTER FOCUS AND GANGLION BE ON THE MAIN STEM IN WASHINGTON AND THAT THE SATELLITE CELEBRATIONS IN THE SEVERAL STATES AND MUNICIPALITIES BE DIRECTED FROM THERE."

THERE APPEARED LAST WEEK IN THE FREE PRESS OF THE SMALL TOWN OF MANKATO, MINNESOTA AN EDITORIAL ON THE BICENTENNIAL WHICH READS IN PART, "MANY RESIDENTS OF MANKATO WILL BE HAPPY TO OPEN UP THEIR HOMES FOR A FEW DAYS OR A WEEK TO FOREIGN GUESTS INVITED TO 'OUR' BIRTHDAY PARTY. MANKATO HAS AN ABUNDANCE OF WELL-ORGANIZED SERVICE AND SOCIAL CLUBS, PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, CHURCH GROUPS AND SO FORTH WHICH MIGHT BE WILLING TO SPONSOR OR AT LEAST PARTIALLY SUPPORT VISITS BY A GREAT NUMBER OF DIVERSE VISITORS FROM MANY COUNTRIES IN THE WORLD."

ITALIAN AMBASSADOR EGIDIO ORTANO PAID A SURPRISE VISIT TO WASHINGTON CROSSING PSRK RECENTLY. AMBASSADOR ORTONA PRAISED THE LEADERSHIP OF THE AREA FOR THEIR FORESIGHT IN PRESERVING THE CROSSING THAT PLAYED SUCH A MAJOR ROLE IN AMERICA'S FIGHT FOR INDEPENDENCE AND THE FUTURE OF HER FIRST PRESIDENT. E. ELMER FISHER, SUPERINTENDENT OF THE PARK WAS THE OFFICIAL HOST. TRAVELING WITH THE AMBASSADOR WAS PHILADELPHIA-BASED ITALIAN COUNCIL GENERAL ANTONIO CAROLONI.



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MR. JOSEPH A. BULLEN, JR., CHAIRMAN OF THE PUEBLO, COLORADO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HAS INTORMED THE ARBC OF LONG-RANGE BICENTENNIAL PLANS FOR THE SOUTHERR COLORADO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT. HE STATES THAT A NUMBER OF FIRM COMMITMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE, WHICH INCLUDE: THE PUEBLO ARTS COUNCIL IN 1972 WILL SPONSOR AND CONDUCT A LOGO AND SYMBOL CONTEST TO IDENTIFY THE REGIONAL AREA AS PART OF THE BICENTENNIAL PROGRAM: THE CIVIC SYMPHONY ASSOCIATION WILL CONDUCT AND SPONSOR A MONTH-LONG COMPREHENSIVE MUSIC FESTIVAL IN JANUARY, 1976; THE INTERNATIONAL MOTOR BOAT RACES HAVE BEEN SLATED FOR THE NEW "PUEBLO RESERVOIR" (A GIANT LAKE AND FEDERAL PECREATION AREA TO BE COMPLETED IN 1975); AND PLANS ALSO WILL INVOLVE THE COLORADO STATE FAIR AND INDUSTRIAL EXPOSITION DURING AUGUST, 1976.

AS PRINTED IN THE WASEINGTON NEWS (NOVEMBER 5), THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION IS PLANNING TO BUILD A REVOLUTIONARY WAR "LIVING GARRISON" AT FORT FOOTE ON THE MARYLAND SIDE OF THE POTOMAC RIVER AS PART OF A LARGE BICERTENNIAL OUTDOOR MUSEUM IT WILL ERECT FOR THE WASHINGTON AREA IN 1976. ALSO, IT HAS BEEN REPORTED THAT EVENTUALLY THE SMITHSONIAN HOPES TO TURN JONES POINT IN ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA, INTO A GIANT OUTDOOR NAVAL MUSEUM, WITH FLYING BOATS AND MOORED VESSELS, AND TO CREATE A LONG-SOUGHT ARMED FORCES MUSEUM PART AT FORT FOOTE.

THE NORTH CAROLINA DELEGATION TO THE COUNCIL OF THE 13 ORIGINAL STATES MEETING IN SAVANNAH RECENTLY OFFERED A MAJOR PROPOSAL FOR "A SECOND AMERICAN REVOLUTION." THE RECOMMENDATION ANNOUNCED BY RICHARD GIBBS STATED THAT THE MOST APPROPRIATE WAY TO COMMEMORATE THE BICENTENNIAL IS TO STAGE ANOTHER REVOLUTION IN SPIRIT--ONE PROTESTING THE "LIBERTY ERODING CONCENTRATION OF AMERICAN POLITICAL POWER IN WASHINGTON."

TO ENCOURAGE THE YOUTH OF BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA TO PARTICIPATE IN BICENTERNIAL PLANNING AND ACTIVITIES, THE BUCKS COUNTY BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE RECENTLY APPOINTED A "YOUTH FOR AMERICA" PROGRAM. TO KICK OFF, THE PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEMBERS HAVE BEEN SPEAKING TO JUNIOR AND SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL CLASSES.

A REPORTER FOR THE CARROLL CO. (MD.) TIMES WROTE RECENTLY IN A SPECIAL COLUMN: IF THE BICENTENNIAL BECOMES A FLAG WAVERS HOLIDAY, A TIME FOR EMPTY SHIBBOLETHS AND CHAUVINISTIC CLICHES, THEN THE DISAFFECTED MAY BE RIGHT. THE SPIRIT OF THE REVOLUTION WILL HAVE DIED. BUT IF THE BICENTENNIAL CAN RECAPTURE THE DREAMS AND IDEALS, THE WISDOM AND JUSTICE, THE COURAGE AND FORTHRIGHTNESS WE HAVE LEARNED TO ATTRIBUTE TO WASHINGTON, JEFFERSON, PAINE, LEE AND THE OTHERS, THEN IT WILL HAVE SUCCEEDED PARTLY. IF THE PEOPLE TAKE UP THE IDEALS AND FACE THE CHANGES AHEAD WITH WISDOM AND COURAGE AND JUSTICE, THEN, PERHAPS, THE SUCCESS WILL BE COMPLETE."

THE NOVEMBER 8 ISSUE OF U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT HAS A THREE-PAGE ARTICLE ENTITLED "FACE-LIFTING OF WASHINGTON: A MORE MONUMENTAL CITY" WHICH DETAILS PLANS FOR IMPROVING THE CAPITOL BEFORE THE BICENTENNIAL. SEVERAL PICTURES OF PROJECTED RESTORATION AND RENOVATION, AS WELL AS REBUILDING OF WASHINGTON'S "MORUMENTAL MILE" ARE INCLUDED.

SPEAKING RECENTLY BEFORE THE YORKTOWN DAY ASSOCIATION, SENATOR HARRY F. BYRD, JR. ARBC MEMBER, SAID: "THE REVOLUTION WAS A LONG AND DIFFICULT STRUGGLE. THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE IDEALS OF LIBERTY AND DIGNITY WAS NOT AN EASY TASK. AND DOWN THROUGH THE YEARS SINCE THE FOUNDING OF OUR NATION, THE PRESERVATION OF THESE PRINCIPLES HAS CALLED AGAIN AND AGAIN FOR VIGILANCE AND SACRIFICE. THROUGHOUT OUR HISTORY, AMERICANS HAVE HAD TO STRUGGLE TO PRESERVE THEIR FREEDOM. MOST CERTAINLY, ETERNAL VIGILANCE IS THE PRICE OF LIBERTY. I FEEL IT IS ESPECIALLY TRUE TODAY."

IN ANTICIPATION OF THE OPENING OF THE FIRST FOUR ARRC REGIONAL OFFICES
TO COORDINATE BICENTENNIAL PLANNING IN ATLANTA, BOSTON, CHICAGO AND
SAN FRANCISCO BY EARLY 1972, REGIONAL COORDINATORS WILL BE ANNOUNCED SOON
AND WILL BEGIN INDOCTRINATION SESSIONS AND BRIEFINGS AT ARBC HEADQUARTERS.
SIX OTHER ARBC REGIONAL OFFICES WILL BE OPENED NEXT YEAR.

SPEAKING RECENTLY TO LOCAL GROUPS IN NEW YORK STATE, DR. LOUIS L. TUCKER, HISTORIAN AND BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, STRESSED THAT THE BICENTENNIAL OBSERVANCE SHOULD LEAVE AN "INTELLECTUAL RESIDUAL" IN THE FORM OF A HEIGHTENED KNOWLEDGE BY AMERICANS OF THEIR NATION'S HISTORY. EQUALLY IMPORTANT, HE SAID, IS THAT THE STATES AND COMMUNITIES "LEAVE SOMETHING TANGIBLE BEHIND" AS A MONUMENT TO THE BICENTENNIAL.

THE NEW MASS-TRANSIT CONCEPT UTILIZING SUSPENDED, SELF-PROPELLED "CABLE CARS" DEVELOPED BY SKYTRAM SYSTEM INC. AS A METHOD OF TRANSPORTING THE THOUSANDS OF SPECTATORS EXPECTED TO ATTEND THE 1976 WINTER OLYMPICS IN EVERGREEN, COLORADO, IS CURRENTLY BEING STUDIED AS A MODEL FOR A POLLUTION-FREE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM OF THE FUTURE. THE INTERIOR DEPART-MENT IS ALSO STUDYING AS A POSSIBLE MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION OIL FROM FROZEN PARTS OF ALASKA.

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS HOSTED A SPECIAL BICENTENNIAL PLANNING PROGRAM LAST WEEK TO FOCUS ON THE AMERICAN DEMOCRATIC EXPERIENCE TO COMMEMORATE THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY. THE SESSION WAS THE FIRST STEP IN A PROPOSED 4-YEAR PROJECT THAT WILL INCLUDE THE INTRODUCTION OF NEW COURSES, SPECIAL SEMINARS, INTER-UNIVERSITY CONFERENCES, GUEST LECTURES, PUBLICATIONS, RADIO AND TELEVISION PROGRAMS AND RESEARCH ACTIVITIES. AN INITIAL GRANT FOR PLANNING PURPOSES HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM THE NATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR THE HUMANITIES. DR. JOHN A. GRONOUSKI PRESIDED AT THE PLANNING PROGRAM OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM A CROSS-SECTION OF TEXAS COLLEGES AND ORGANIZATIONS.

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IT HAS BEEN REPORTED THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE IS WORKING TO DEVELOP A "PERFECT TREE" IN TIME FOR THE BICENTENNIAL. THE TREE IS TO BE A KIND OF THOROUGHBRED PRODUCED BY PLANT GENETICISTS BY CROSSING DIFFERNT STRAINS. THIS SUPERTREE IS TO BE TALL ENOUGH TO OFFER SHADE, BUT NOT SO TALL AS TO INTERFERE WITH OVERHEAD WIRES--IT IS TO BE A TOTALLY URBAN TREE THAT CAN SURVIVE AIR POLLUTION, SALT CRYSTALS IN WINTER AND CITY DOGS.

LAST WEEK THE INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS OFFICE OF THE ARBC MET WITH MR. FATOLAK SAMII, EDUCATIONAL ATTACHE OF THE IRANIAN EMBASSY, TO DISCUSS VARIOUS ASPECTS OF THE 2500TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE IRANIAN MONARCHY. THE STAFF HAS ALSO MET WITH THE 2ND SECRETARY OF THE NEW ZEALAND EMBASSY TO DISCUSS NEW ZEALAND'S PARTICIPATION IN THE BICENTENNIAL.

THE 300TH ANNIVERSARY IN 1973 OF FATHER MARQUETTE AND JOLIET'S JOURNEY ALONG THE MISSISSIPPI IS SPURRING INTEREST IN THE RIVER AS A BICENTENNIAL POINT OF INTEREST. RECENT SPEECHES IN THE HALLS OF CONGRESS HAVE ENCOURAGED THIS PROJECT, AND TOURISM DIRECTORS FROM THE MISSISSIPPI REGION WILL MEET IN ST. LOUIS ON NOVEMBER 19 TO DISCUSS POSSIBILITIES OF INCLUDING THE RIVER COMMEMORATION WITH THE BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION.

DR. JOHN L. FERGUSON, ARKANSAS STATE HISTORIAN, WAS NAMED CHAIRMAN OF THE NEW STATE BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION COMMITTEE AT THE GROUP'S FIRST MEETING IN THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE. MR. PERRIN JONES WAS NAMED VICE CHAIRMAN AND MR. LOU OBERSTE, SECRETARY.

CONGRESSMAN WILLIAM WHITEHURST (VIRGINIA), ARBC MEMBER, HAS INFORMED THE ARBC THAT HE HAS CO-SPONSORED LEGISLATION (H.R. 11126 WITH ALL MEMBERS OF THE VIRGINIA CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION, SPONSORED BY CONGRESSMAN SCOTT (VIRGINIA) TO AUTHORIZE THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR TO ACQUIRE "BY DONATION, BY PURCHASE WITH DONATED OR APPROPRIATED FUNDS, CONDEMNATION OR EXCHANGE SO MUCH OF THE PROPERTY IN STAFFORD COUNTY, VA., KNOWN AS FERRY FARM" (THE BOYHOOD HOME OF GEORGE WASHINGTON) AS HE DETERMINE NECESSARY. AN IDENTICAL BILL (H.R. 11533 HAS BEEN CO-SPONSORED BY 24 MEMBERS OF CONGRESS, THUS FAR. BOTH BILLS WOULD ALSO AUTHORIZE THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR TO MAKE FERRY FARM A NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE.

MR. JOHN L. MCGEHEE, DIRECTOR, PUBLIC RELATIONS DEPARTMENT, KIWANIS
INTERNATIONAL HAS BEEN DESIGNATED OFFICIAL COORDINATOR OF THAT ORGANIZATION'S OESERVANCE OF THE BICENTENNIAL. HE HAS INFORMED THE ARBC THAT
KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL INTENDS TO INVOLVE THEMSELVES IN MANY INDEPENDENT
PROGRAMS COORDINATED WITH THE ARBC. MR. MCGEHEE PARTICIPATED IN THE
DYNAMIC DIMENSION SERIES IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER IN CHICAGO, HOME OFFICE
OF KIWANIS.

OYSTER BAY, NEW YORK, THE HOME OF THEODORE ROOSEVELT, OUR 26TH PRESIDENT, HAS ESTABLISHED A TOWN ARBC. TOWN SUPERVISOR NOTIFIES THAT MISS DOROTHY H. MCGEE, BOX 142, LOCUST VALLEY, NEW YORK HAS BEEN APPOINTED CHAIRMAN.

EFFECTIVE THIS DATE, FIVE OFFICES OF THE ARBC AND THEIR STAFFS WILL BE HOUSED AT 1522 K STREET, N.W., WASHINGTON, D. C. SPACE HAS BEEN PROCURED ON THE 2ND AND 3RD FLOORS OF THE BUILDING. OFFICES AND NEW PHONE NUMBERS ARE:

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 COMMUNICATIONS
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 STATES COORDINATION
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ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO THESE OFFICES, HOWEVER, SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO ARBC CENTRAL AT 736 JACKSON PLACE, N.W.



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THE NEXT MEETING OF THE FULL COMMISSION OF THE ARBC WILL BE HELD FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10, IN THE PAR AMERICAN HEALTH ORGANIZATION BUILDING, 525 - 23RD STREET, N.W., WASHINGTON, D.C. AT 9:00 A.M. ON THE EVENING OF THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9, AN IMPORTANT RECEPTION WILL BE HELD FOR COMMISSION MEMBERS.

FOR THE BICERTERNIAL THE FOX-CROSS CARDY CO. IS INTRODUCING A USA BAR. IT OFFERS A PATRICTIC-TYFE REAPPER IN THE NATIONAL COLORS AND IS IMPRINTED WITH A FIFE AND DRUM CORF LITEO. EACH CANDY BAR CONTAINS THREE PIECES IN THE TRADITIONAL THREE FLAVORS, CHOCOLATE, STRANGERRY AND VANILLA, AND WILL SELL FOR LOS.

LAST WEEK THE ARBC WAS REPRESENTED AT A MEETING OF KEEP AMERICA BEAUTIFUL, INC., THE NATIONAL PUBLIC SERVICE ORGANIZATION FOR THE PREVENTION OF LITTER, TO HEAR A NEW PROPOSAL ENTITLED "MISSION 1976: A CLEAR AND BEAUTIFUL AMERICA." MISSION 1976 IS A FIVE-YEAR JOINT EFFORT OF SEVERAL ORGANIZATIONS TO PROMOTE AND UNDERTAKE SPECIAL ACTIVITIES, ON A YEARLY BASIS, WHICH WILL DEVELOP A CLEAN AND MORE LIVEABLE ENVIRONMENT BY THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION. THE AIM IS TO SUBSTANTIALLY DECREASE AND CONTROL VARIOUS LAND POLLUTANTS AND TO MAKE OTHER IMPROVEMENTS TO PRESERVE AND ENHANCE AMERICA'S NATURAL AND MAR-MADE BEAUTY.

AN EDITORIAL ON THE PHILADELPHIA EXPOSITION APPEARING IN THE INQUIRER OF NOVEMBER 12 STATES THAT "TIME IS RURRING OUT . . . THE OVERRIDING NEED NOW, PERDING COMPLETION OF THE FEASIBILITY STUDY, IS FOR GREATER PUBLIC AWARE-NESS THROUGHOUT THE DELAWARE VALLEY OF THE ONCE-IR-A-LIFETIME OPPORTUNITY AND RESPONSIBILITY INHERENT IN 1976 . . . THE KEY QUESTION, ABOVE AND BEYOND THE COUNTLESS DETAILS OF SITE AND THEME AND LOGISTICS, IS WHETHER PHILADELPHIA WILL MEASURE UP OR RESIGN ITS OPPORTUNITY."

THE FLORIDA ARBC HAS JUST RELEASED A NEW BICENTENNIAL BROCHURE ENTITLED "FLORIDA PLANS FOR OUR COUNTRY'S 200TH BIRTHDAY." IT INCLUDES MATERIAL ON FLORIDA'S ROLE AND SCOPE, MIAMI'S ROLE, LEGISLATIVE HISTORY AND A MESSAGE FROM GOVERNOR ASKEW, AS WELL AS A STATEMENT OF PRESIDENT RIXOR'S ON THE BICENTENNIAL. IT IS ATTRACTIVELY TELUSTRATED WITH FLORIDA SCENES PERTAINING TO THE COMMEMORATION.

THE QUESTERS, A NATIONAL ANTIQUE STUDY CLUB FOUNDED TO LEARN APPRECIATION OF ANTIQUES AND TO DEVELOP AN INTEREST IN THE KNOWLEDGE AND PRESERVATION OF BISTORICAL LANDMARKS, INVITED THE ARBC TO PARTICIPATE IN THEIR NOVEMBER 16 BUSINESS MEETING IN BETHESDA, MARYLAND. THE QUESTERS ARE SEEKING TO SPECIFICALLY RELATE THEIR AVOCATION TO THE BICENTENNIAL COMMEMORATION.

HOBART G. CAWOOD, NEW SUPERINTENDERT OF INDEPENDENCE MATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK.
HAS INFORMED THE ARBC THAT MANY EXTENSIVE PROJECTS ARE URDERNAY FOR DEVELOPMERT IN THE REXT FIVE YEARS. ONE PROJECT IS COMPLETION OF THE RESTORATION
OF THE SECOND FLOOR OF INDEPENDENCE HALL, NOW IN 11S FINAL STAGES. IT IS
HOPED THAT IT WILL OPEN TO THE PUBLIC REXT SUMMER WITH APPROPRIATE CEREMONIES.
ANOTHER PROJECT IS THE FIRST BANK OF THE UNITED STATES BUILDING. "INSIDE

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WILL BE A PORTRAIT GALLERY. WE HAVE A COLLECTION INCLUDING SOME BY CHARLES WILLSON PEALE. THE TARGET DAY FOR OPENING IS SEPTEMBER, 1974, 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FIRST CONTINENTAL CONGRESS. "SAID MR. CAWOOD.

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ON NOVEMBER 10, THE SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE HELD HEARINGS ON THE ARBC LEGISLATION (H.R. 2374) AND MARK-UP OF THE BILL IS EXPECTED BY NEXT WEEK. HEARWHILE, THE SENATE JUDICIARY HAS REPORTED OUT FAVORABLY S. 1857 (THE SENATE VERSION, IDENTICAL LANGUAGE AS HOUSE LEGIS-LATION) AND THE ARBC HOPES FOR FLOOR ACTION IN THE SENATE SOON.

AMERICAN HERITAGE INC. HAS JUST PUBLISHED A TWO-VOLUME SET OF BOOKS COMMEMORATING THE BICENTENNIAL. "THE AMERICAN HERITAGE BOOK OF THE REVOLUTION" IS ILLUSTRATED WITH PAINTINGS, SKETCHES, AND MAPS BY REVOLUTIONARY ERA ARTISTS AND MER WHO WERE THERE ON THE SCENE. A COMPANION BOOK ENTITLED "THE AMERICAN HERITAGE HISTORY OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE" DESCRIBES THE ODYSSEYS OF THE 42 MILLION PEOPLE WHO HAVE MIGRATED TO AMERICA FROM OTHER COUNTRIES SINCE 1620.

THE BUREAU OF INTERNATIONALE EXPOSITIONS WILL MEET NEXT IN PARIS ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23, TO DISCUSS THE INTERNATIONAL EXPOSITION IN 1976 IN PHILADELPHIA.

SPEAKING BEFORE THE NATIONAL NEWSPAPER ASSOCIATION MEETING IN NEW ORLEANS ON NOVEMBER 11, ARBC COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN JAMES COPIEY TOLD THE 500 ASSEMBLED GUESTS AT THE ANNUAL BANQUET THAT THE BICENTENNIAL "WILL MOLD THE FUTURE BY HONORING THE PAST." "SOME OF OUR CHILDREN," MR. COPIEY TOLD THE EDITORS, "ARE LOST FOREVER, BUT OTHERS LOOK TOWARD OUR GENERATION FOR HELP IN DECIDING WHAT IS RIGHT AND WHAT IS WRONG. CAN WE HELP THEM SEE THE CONSTITUTION AND THE BILL OF RIGHTS AS MEANINGFUL TO THEM AS IT WAS TO OUR GENERATION?" MR. COPIEY ALSO SPOKE ON THE ROLE OF NEWSPAPERS IN THE BICENTENNIAL AND DISCUSSED THE PART MEDIA CAN PLAY IN "SPREADING THE WORD" ON THE BICENTENNIAL.

JAZZ CRITIC MARTIN WILLIAMS HAS BEEN APPOINTED TO PLAN A FAR-REACHING JAZZ ARCHIVES, RESEARCH AND PERFORMANCE PROGRAM AT THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION.

JAMES MORRIS, DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF PERFORMING ARTS, SAID THE PROJECT IS PART OF THE INSTITUTION'S BICENTENRIAL PROGRAM AND WILL BE A PERMANENT PART OF THE SMITHSONIAN. MR. WILLIAMS' FIRST PROJECT, HE SAYS, WILL BE TO COMPILE A FIVE-RECORD ALBUM SURVEYING THE HISTORY OF JAZZ.

TO HELP COMMEMORATE THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NATION THE NEW WALT DISNEY WORLD WHICH OPENED LAST MONTH IN ORLANDO, FLORIDA HAS A FULL-SCALE REPLICA OF SEVERAL BUILDINGS ENTITLED "LIBERTY SQUARE." THE SQUARE FEATURES REPLICAS OF ALL 37 PRESIDENTS OF THE UNITED STATES WITH SPECIALLY PRESENTED READINGS OF THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE AND PARTS OF THE CONSTITUTION AMONG MANY OTHER FEATURES.

HUNTINGTON, NEW YORK LIBRARIAN STANLEY A RANSOM HAS ANNOUNCED THAT AN APPROPRIATE BICENTENNIAL BOOK LIST CONSISTING OF SOME 41 BOOK TITLES AND 7 AUDIO-VISUAL SELECTIONS HAS BEEN COMPILED BY THE HUNTINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY.

NASA HAS STATED RECENTLY THAT THE BICENTENNIAL MAY BECOME INTERPLANETARY. THE BICENTENNIAL DAY "LIES WITHIN THE WINDOW" OF LANDING OPPORTUNITIES ON MARS FOR A NEW CLASS OF SPACE PROBES THAT ARE SCHEDULED FOR LAUNCHING IN 1975 WITH LANDING IN 1976. ALTHOUGH THE PRECISE LANDING DATE OF VIKING I HAS NOT YET BEEN DETERMINED, DR. JOHN NAUGLE SAID JULY 4, 1976, IS THE FAVORED DATE BECAUSE OF ITS HISTORICAL ASSOCIATIONS.

SURBURY, PA., HAS A BICENTERVIAL SPECIAL FUNDS COMMITTEE TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE COMMUNITIES 200TH ANNIVERSARY NEXT YEAR AS WELL AS THE NATIONAL BI-CENTERVIAL. THEIR NEXT EVENT IS A FASHION SHOW SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 23.

A SIMILAR FUND-RAISING EVENT WAS HELD RECENTLY BY THE FRANCONIA, N.H. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO OFFER PROCEEDS TO THE FRANCONIA BICENTENNIAL FUND. THE GROUP PRESENTED A UNIQUE PROGRAM ON EUROPEAN GINGERBREAD AND COOKIE MOULDS.

GOVERNOR TOM MCCALL ON NOVEMBER 11 SWORE-IN THE ARRC OF OREGON. MEMBERS INCLUDE DAVID LLOYD DAVIES, CHAIRMAN; JUDGE CHARLES CROOKSHOM, VICE CHAIRMAN; JAMES K. SOURS, PRESIDENT OF SOUTHERN OREGON COLLEGE, ASHLAND; SAM JOHNSON, STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, REDMOND; DR. ED HARVEY; MRS. JANET BAUMHOVER, PORTLAND; ROBER OLIVER SALEM, STATE OMBUDSMAN; PROF. DONALD D. WAX, OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY CORVALLIS; AND PROF. THOMAS GOVAN, UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, EUGENE.



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SOME 6,000 INVETERATE STAMP COLLECTORS STOPPED TO VIEW THE ARBC'S FIRST PHILATELIC DISPLAY WHICH WAS SHOWN AT THE 23RD ANNUAL NATIONAL POSTAGE SHOW SPONSORED BY THE AMERICAN STAMP DEALERS' ASSOCIATION (ASDA) AT MADISON SQUARE GARDENS IN NEW YORK CITY, NOVEMBER 19-21. APPROXIMATELY 1,200 OF THE VISITORS REQUESTED THE ARBC BROCHURE AND ADDITIONAL STAMP INFORMATION. THE PURPOSE OF THE EXHIBIT WAS TO ENHANCE BICENTENNIAL AWARENESS AMONG STAMP COLLECTORS, DEALERS AND ASSOCIATIONS, SO THAT THEY MIGHT SERVE AS COMMUNICATORS FOR TRANSMITTING THE BICENTENNIAL MESSAGES OF THE ERA.

MAYOR ROBERT A. SWANSON OF BURBANK, CALIFORNIA HAS INFORMED THE ARBC THAT THE CITY COUNCIL HAS AUTHORIZED HIM TO APPOINT A BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION EXPLORATORY COM-MITTEE TO FORMULATE PLANS FOR OUR 200TH ANNIVERSARY, WHICH HE WILL BE DOING IN THE COMING WEEKS.

ARBC MEMBER ANN HAWKES HUTTON RECENTLY CARRIED THE "BICENTENNIAL AWARENESS CAMPAIGN" TO TWO MORE INTERESTED GROUPS--THE INTERNATIONAL MEETING OF AMCHEM ORGANIZATION AND THE NATIONAL MEETING OF THE PATRIOTIC ORDER, SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION.

MR. JAMES BIDDLE, ARBC CHAIRMAN OF HERITAGE '76 COMMITTEE, HAS ANNOUNCED THAT SPECIAL KITS ON THE BICENTENNIAL ARE BEING ISSUED BY THE NATIONAL TRUST FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION.

NORMAN BROWN, MANAGER OF THE DENVER OLYMPIC COMMITTEE'S PUBLIC AFFAIRS DIVISION STATED RECENTLY "WE'RE FOLLOWING A CRITICAL PLANNING CHART. WE MET WITH THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET IN WASHINGTON RECENTLY AND THEY'RE ENCOURAGED." THE DOC SAID IT HAS REQUESTED \$19.6 MILLION IN FEDERAL FUNDS--\$15.9 MILLION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF COMPETITION FACILITIES AND \$3.7 MILLION AS AN "INFLATIONARY CONTINGENCY." THE FUNDS WILL BE USED TO CONSTRUCT A COVERED SPEED SKATING FACILITY, FIVE SKI JUMP RUNS, AN ALPINE EVENT AREA, A NORDIC EVENT AREA, BIATHLON TRAILS AND RANGE, AND A BOBSLED AND LUGE SLED FACILITY.

THE TRENTION, NEW JERSEY CITY COUNCIL RECENTLY PASSED AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR A MUNICIPAL MUSEUM COMMISSION AUTHORIZED TO "COLLECT, ASSEMBLE, RESTORE, MAINTAIN AND EXHIBIT MEMORABILIA BOTH PAST AND PRESENT," AND TO SET UP HEADQUARTERS IN THE CIVIC CENTER. THE MUSEUM WILL EVENTUALLY HAVE ITS OWN LOCATION FOR FALL, 1975, IN TIME FOR OPENING TO COINCIDE WITH THE BICENTENNIAL.

PHILADELPHIA MAYOR JAMES H.J. TATE IS DIRECTING AN EFFORT TO ATTRACT TOP SPORTING EVENTS--A GRAND PRIX-TYPE AUTO RACE--TO THE CITY TO COINCIDE WITH THE BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION. A SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE SPORTS ADVISORY COUNCIL WILL SHOOT FOR THE NATIONAL COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT, A BOXING MATCH, OLYMPIC TRIALS, DAVIS CUP TENNIS MATCH AND OTHER SUCH EVENTS. PHILADELPHIA ALREADY HAS COMMITMENTS FOR THE MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL AND NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION ALL-STAR GAMES TO BE HELD THERE IN 1976.

AT THE RECENT CONCLAVE OF THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN, PRESIDENT NIXON ADDRESSED THE APPROXIMATELY 3,000 WOMEN ON THE THEME OF THEIR CONVENTION, "SPIRIT OF '76," PUTTING THAT SPIRIT IN THE CONTEXT OF GREAT EVENTS THAT ARE HAPPENING TODAY. THE PRESIDENT MENTIONED A WOMAN WHO CAME TO VISIT THE WHITE HOUSE AND PRESENTED HIM WITH AN AMERICAN FLAG, WHICH HAD TAKEN ONE YEAR AND TWO MONTHS TO CREATE, HAVING 78,000 STITCHES. WHEN ASKED, "WASN'T IT HARD AND TIRING?" SHE REPLIED, "NO, MR. PRESIDENT, EVERY STITCH IN IT REPRESENTS SOMETHING RIGHT ABOUT AMERICA."

DR. LOUIS L. TUCKER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE NEW YORK ARBC, URGED RECENTLY THAT AN ACCURATE EMPHASIS BE PLACED ON THE REVOLUTION FOR THE BICENTENNIAL. "THERE IS ONE GOAL I HAVE YET TO SEE LISTED," TUCKER STATED, "AND I FIND IT TO BE A SURPRISING OMISSION: EDUCATING THE AMERICAN PUBLIC ON THE 'TRUE' AMERICAN REVOLUTION. AS A FORMER TEACHER AND A STUDENT OF EARLY AMERICAN HISTORY, I SUBMIT THAT THE GENERAL AMERICAN PUBLIC HAS A FAULTY KNOWLEDGE OF THE CRITICAL REVOLUTIONARY ERA. MOST AMERICANS HAVE A THOUGHT STRUCTURE WHICH IS SATURATED WITH MYTHS ABOUT THE REVOLUTION. THEY HAVE BEEN VICTIMIZED BY THE SHODDY SCHOLARSHIP OF THE NINETEENTH CENTURY ROMANTIC NATIONALISTS WHO PORTRAYED THE REVOLUTION AS A SIMPLISTIC SAGA OF 'GOOD GUYS VERSUS BAD GUYS,' OF VIRTUE TRIUMPHING OVER EVIL . . . WOULD NOT THE ERADICATION OF MYTH IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN OUR NATION?"

A NEW FILM OF VIRGINIA'S WEALTH OF REVOLUTIONARY BATTLEFIELDS, BUILDINGS AND MEMORIES HAS BEEN COMMISSIONED BY THE VIRGINIA INDEPENDENCE BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION, TO BE COMPLETED IN 1972. ANDRE DE LA VARRE, INTERNATIONALLY-KNOWN PRODUCER OF TRAVEL MOVIES, WILL SHOOT THE FILM "ON LOCATION" AT HISTORIC SITES THROUGHOUT THE COMMONWEALTH. FILMING OF A FEW SCENES IN YORKTOWN AND WILLIAMSBURG HAS ALREADY TAKEN PLACE. THE FORTHCOMING FILM IS THE FIRST OF SEVERAL THE COMMISSION IS CONSIDERING ON VARIOUS SUBJECTS.

PLYMOUTH ROCK CELEBRATED THIS WEEK THE 350TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FIRST THANKSGIVING (HELD IN 1621, A YEAR AFTER THE LANDING). MEANWHILE, DOWN AT BERKELEY PLANTATION NEAR RICHMOND, VA., CITIZENS CELEBRATED THE 352ND ANNIVERSARY OF WHAT VIRGINIANS CLAIM AS THE FIRST THANKSGIVING, HAVING BEATEN THE PILGRIMS BY TWO YEARS IN SETTLING THE FEASTING. THE DISPUTE, IT WOULD APPEAR, IS ACADEMIC.

THE CULTURAL ARTS COMMITTEE OF GREATER POTTSTOWN (PA.) AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HELD A LUNCHEON LAST WEEK TO DISCUSS VARIOUS FACETS OF THE BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION. FACTS CONCERNING CAMP POTTSGROVE IN NEW HANOVER, WHERE WASHINGTON AND HIS TROOPS WERE ENCAMPED BEFORE GOING ON TO VALLEY FORGE, WERE RELATED. A CELEBRATION FOR JULY 8, 1976, ANNIVERSARY OF THE DATE THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE WAS READ IN POTTSTOWN WAS DISCUSSED AND A POSSIBLE ROUTE OF A TOUR OF REVOLUTIONARY HISTORIC SPOTS IN THE AREA WAS OUTLINED BY THOMAS S. STORM, CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE.

NOVEMBER 26TH WAS THE 467TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEATH OF QUEEN ISABELLA, THE GREAT WOMAN RESPONSIBLE FOR AMERICA'S DISCOVERY. A FITTING TRIBUTE AT THE INTERNATIONAL EXPO SLATED FOR '76 HAS BEEN PROPOSED TO HONOR SPAIN AND THE "LAST CRUSADER QUEEN," WHO HAS BEEN DESCRIBED BY INTERNATIONALLY-KNOWN AUTHOR JAMES MICHENOR IN THESE TERMS: "IN PERSONALITY, DEVOTION, INTELLIGENCE, FORTITUDE AND ABOVE ALL IN ADMINISTRATIVE POWER, SHE MAKES ALL OTHER WOMEN AND MOST MEN SEEM PUNY."

SOME 100 N.H. CITIZENS GATHERED IN DURHAM RECENTLY TO FURTHER PLANS FOR THE GRANITE STATE'S OBSERVANCE OF THE BICENTENNIAL. THEY WERE ASSEMBLED AT THE INVITATION OF DR. J. DUANE SQUIRES, CHAIRMAN OF THE N.H. BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION TO INSPIRE AS MANY COMMUNITIES AS POSSIBLE TO INTEREST THEMSELVES IN APPROPRIATE COMMEMORATIVE ACTIVITIES. DR. SQUIRES NOTED IMMEDIATE FAVORABLE RESPONSES TO THE MEETING. THE LACONIA CITIZEN SUBSEQUENTLY CARRIED A PAGE ONE EDITORIAL SUGGESTING PARTICIPATION WITH SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES.

THE INTERNATIONAL SECTION OF THE ARBC MET WITH MR. LUIS CASANOVA, CULTURAL ATTACHE OF THE SPANISH EMBASSY ON NOVEMBER 9, TO DISCUSS THE PROPOSED DONATION TO WASHINGTON IN 1976 OF A STATUE BY THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT OF BERNARDO DE GALVEZ, THE SPANISH HERO OF THE REVOLUTION WHO BEAT THE BRITISH AT PENSACOLA. ANOTHER DISTINGUISHED INTERNATIONAL VISITOR, DR. PIERRE MICHEL OF BRUSSELS, DIRECTOR, CENTER FOR AMERICAN STUDIES OF THE ROYAL LIBRARY DISCUSSED WITH THE ARBC STAFF THE CENTER'S PLAN FOR VARIOUS PROJECTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE BICENTENNIAL ERA.

THE NEW SPIRIT OF '76 FOUNDATION," A NATIONAL NON-PROFIT AGENCY ORGANIZED TO STIMULATE THE INDIVIDUAL'S AWARENESS AND PARTICIPATION IN THE AFFAIRS OF HIS COMMUNITY, STATE AND NATION," SPONSORED A LOCAL ACTIVITY IN POTOMAC (MD.) ON NOVEMBER 19 AT THE HUNT CLUB FOR 100 COUPLES, AN "ALL-AMERICAN DINNER-DANCE," AS A CHANCE TO GET RID OF APATHY AND GET INVOLVED IN PROJECTING THE POSITIVE VALUES OF THE COUNTRY. THE GROUPS SAYS, "THE RENEWAL OF THE SPIRIT OF 1776 CAN BE THIS MOTIVATING FORCE."



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AGENDA ITEM OF NOTE FOR THE ARBC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND FULL COMMISSION MEETINGS DECEMBER 9 AND 10 IN WASHINGTON INCLUDE BICENTENNIAL PROPOSALS BY NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK; DES MOINES, IOWA; DETROIT, MICHIGAN; MOUNT RUSHMORE, SOUTH DAKOTA; AND THE DENVER WINTER OLYMPICS--1976.

SALES MANAGEMENT MAGAZINE HAS RATED WASHINGTON, D.C. "THE MOST DYNAMIC" OF THE TOP TEN URBAN MARKETS IN THE COUNTRY (IT NOW RANKS EIGHTH). WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF CURRENT PLANNING AND REDEVELOPMENT, THE MAGAZINE STATED, WASHINGTON SHOULD BECOME THE SIXTH LARGEST METROPOLITAN AREA IN THE U.S. BY THE BICENTENNIAL, 1976.

THE BUILDING CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION OF NEW JERSEY RECENTLY SPONSORED A "MODEL BUILDING COMPETITION" AMONG ALL NEW JERSEY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS, WHICH INCLUDED THE CONSTRUCTION OF A MODEL FOR A NEW JERSEY PAVILION IN THE 1976 BICENTENNIAL EXPOSITION. WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED SOON AND TOP PRIZE TO BE AWARDED TO THE WINNING MODEL WILL BE \$500.

THE MAINE BICENTENNIAL PLANNING REPORT HAS BEEN PUBLISHED IN A 46-PAGE COMPILATION BY THE PLANNING COMMITTEE ON THE OBSERVANCE OF THE BICENTENNIAL TO GOVERNOR KENNETH M. CURTIS. IT IS DATED NOVEMBER, 1971.

THE DELAWARE ARBC HAS BEEN APPOINTED BY GOVERNOR RUSSELL W. PETERSON WITH DR. E. A. TRABANT, UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE, SERVING AS CHAIRMAN. MR. JAMES T. McKINSTRY OF WILMINGTON WAS APPOINTED LIAISON WITH THE NATIONAL ARBC AND DELAWARE'S 11-MEMBER COMMISSION. THE GOVERNOR HAS ALSO APPOINTED A BICENTENNIAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE WHICH IS A GROUP OF PEOPLE WITH PARTICULAR INTEREST IN THE BICENTENNIAL OR WITH EXPERTISE THAT THE COMMISSION WILL NEED TO RELY ON FOR DEVELOPMENT OF ITS PROGRAM.

J. CARTER BROWN, DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL GALLERY OF ART, RECENTLY ANNOUNCED THAT THE GALLERY WILL BE FEATURING FOR THE BICENTENNIAL A SPECIAL COLLECTION OF AMERICAN AND EUROPEAN ART OF THE REVOLUTIONARY PERIOD.

THE U.S. SENATE, STILL AIMING AT RESTORING THE OLD SENATE AND SUPREME COURT CHAMBERS IN THE CAPITOL IN TIME FOR THE BICENTENNIAL COMMEMORATION, HAS COME UP WITH A COMPROMISE PROPOSAL FOR HOUSE OPPONENTS OF THE RESTORATION. CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMISSION ON ART AND ANTIQUITIES, SENATOR MIKE MANSFIELD (MONT.), HAS REQUESTED THAT CAPITOL

ARCHITECT GEORGE WHITE PREPARE COST ESTIMATES ON RESTORING THE CHAMBERS IN TWO PHASES SO THAT ONE CHAMBER MIGHT STILL BE USED FOR JOINT CONFERENCES AT ALL TIMES. A PRIME PROPONENT OF THE RESTORATION IS SENATOR NORRIS COTTON, ARBC MEMBER.

MR. SAM LILLY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE ILLINOIS BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION, LAST WEEK ADDRESSED THE 5TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGRESS OF ILLINOIS HISTORICAL SOCIETIES. HE ENCOURAGED LOCAL HISTORICAL SOCIETIES TO THINK "BICENTENNIALLY" IN THEIR FUTURE PLANNINGS. THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CONGRESS VOTED TO SUPPORT THE ILLINOIS BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION IN ITS COMMEMORATIVE PROGRAMS.

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A PRESS PREVIEW WAS HELD THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2, ANNOUNCING THE DESIGN COMPETITION FOR THE TWO OFFICIAL BICENTENNIAL MEDALS OF THE NEW YORK STATE ARBC AND THE NEW YORK CITY ARBC AT THE METROPOLITAN MUSEUM OF ART. THE MEDALLIC ART COMPANY OF NEW YORK HAS BEEN CHOSEN BY BOTH COMMISSIONS AS OFFICIAL MEDALISTS FOR THE TWO MEDALS HONORING THE BICENTENNIAL. THEY WILL BE PRODUCED IN 1972.

THE CHESTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA BICENTENNIAL COURIER REPORTS THAT A SEVEN-POINT PLAN FOR VALLEY FORGE STATE PARK'S PARTICIPATION IN THE BICENTENNIAL HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS. ERNEST P. RAU, CHAIRMAN OF THE PARK'S BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE, NOTED THAT THE PARK HOPES TO HAVE A NEW MUSEUM, HISTORICAL PAGEANT AND NUMEROUS OTHER INNOVATIONS FOR THE NATIONAL CELEBRATION.

THE FIRST EDITION OF THE CONNECTICUT BICENTENNIAL GAZETTE, CREATED ALONG WITH THE STATE COMMISSION ON JULY 6, 1971, HAS A MESSAGE FROM GOVERNOR THOMAS J. MESKILL CONCLUDING: "I ALSO CALL UPON EACH INDIVIDUAL CITIZEN OF CONNECTICUT TO GIVE THOUGHT TO HIS ROLE IN OUR NATION'S BICENTENNIAL, AND TO COOPERATE AS FULLY AS POSSIBLE WITH NATIONAL, STATE AND LOCAL EFFORTS TO PLAN AND CARRY OUT A CELEBRATION WORTHY OF OUR GREAT COUNTRY."

JAMES HOWARD HUTSON HAS BEEN NAMED COORDINATOR OF AMERICAN REVOLUTION BICENTENNIAL PROGRAMS IN THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS, THE LIBRARIAN OF CONGRESS, L. QUINCY MUMFORD, ANNOUNCED RECENTLY. MR. HUTSON IS PRESENTLY DIRECTOR OF PUBLICATIONS AT THE INSTITUTE OF EARLY AMERICAN HISTORY AND CULTURE AT WILLIAMSBURG, VA.

THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU OF EXPOSITIONS (BIE) VOTED LAST WEEK ITS APPROVAL OF THE SPOKANE WASHINGTON EXPOSITION FOR 1974 ON MAN AND HIS ENVIRONMENT. REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 32 NATIONS VOTED AT THE MEETING THAT ONLY SPOKANE CAN STAGE AN INTERNATIONAL EXPOSITION IN 1974. KING COLE, PRESIDENT OF EXPO '74, SAID THAT THE CITY WAS THE IDEAL SPOT FOR THE EXPO TO BE ENTITLED "PROGRESS WITHOUT POLLUTION." ALSO, AT THE SEMI-ANNUAL BIE MEETING A DELEGATION FROM THE PHILADELPHIA CORPORATION PRESENTED A PROGRESS REPORT AND ANNOUNCED ITS NEW LEADERSHIP FOR THE 1976 EXPO. THE DELEGATION TOLD THE GATHERING THAT A STUDY OF THE SITE AND POSSIBILITIES WILL BE COMPLETED BY JANUARY 1, AND THAT FORMAL INVITATIONS FOR NATIONS TO SEND EXHIBITS SHOULD GO OUT BY NEXT APRIL 15.

A RECENT EDITORIAL IN THE HAMMOND (IND.) TIMES READS: "HISTORY HAS GIVEN NO CITY OR STATE OR SECTION OF THE COUNTRY A FAVORED POSITION OR HEAD START ON PREPARING FOR . . . THE BICENTENNIAL. WHATEVER THE HISTORIC AND CULTURAL ROOTS OF A COMMUNITY, THE PRIDE IT CAN EXHIBIT IN 1976, THE RECOGNITION IT CAN CLAIM AS AN EXEMPLARY MICROCOSM OF THE AMERICAN WAY OF LIFE, WILL BE BASED ON WHAT IT HAS BUILT ON ITS OWN HERITAGE."

THE VIRGINIA AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION HAS ASKED ALEXANDRIA OFFICIALS TO SELECT A SITE "AS SOON AS POSSIBLE" FOR A BICENTENNIAL VISITORS CENTER, ACCORDING TO THE CITY TOURIST COUNCIL DIRECTOR PE. B. SINCLAIR. THREE SITES ON WASHINGTON STREET ARE BEING CONSIDERED, MRS. SINCLAIR SAID.

MICHAEL COLLINS, NASA MUSEUM DIRECTOR AND ONE OF THE FIRST THREE ASTRONAUTS TO TRAVEL TO THE MOON, SAID LAST WEEK THAT HE HOPES A \$40 MILLION NATIONAL AIR AND SPACE MUSEUM CAN BE DEDICATED BY JULY 4, 1976. THE PROJECT, WHICH WAS ONCE HALTED BECAUSE OF DESIGN AND COST PROBLEMS, WAS APPROVED RECENTLY IN REVISED FORM BY THE FINE ARTS COMMISSION.

JERSEY CITY, N.J. MAYOR CHARLES K. KRIEGER HAS APPOINTED FORMER U.S. ENVOY PHELPS PHELPS, THE JERSEY CITY BICENTENNIAL CHAIRMAN. MR. PHELPS SERVED AS AMBASSADOR TO THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC AND GOVERNOR OF AMERICAN SAMOA. HE IS A POLITICAL INDE-PENDENT WHO HAS SERVED IN VARIOUS KEY, UNSALARIED POSTS FOR THE JERSEY CITY COMMUNITY.

"FOR NEW YORK," SAID A. C. O'HARA, COMMISSIONER OF THE OFFICE OF GENERAL SERVICES,
"1977 WILL BE THE HIGHLIGHT YEAR WITH MAJOR CELEBRATIONS OF THE BATTLES OF SARATOGA
AND ORISKANY AND THE ADOPTION OF NEW YORK'S FIRST CONSTITUTION." O'HARA WAS SPEAKING
TO THE HUDSON, N.Y. CHAPTER OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION AT THEIR RECENT
MEETING.

JOHN T. CUNNINGHAM, NEW JERSEY STATE HISTORIAN, HAS SAID: "WHENEVER I SEE A COMMUNITY CELEBRATING AN ANNIVERSARY BY HAVING THE MEN GROW BEARDS, THE LADIES WEAR PINAFORES, AND THE BANKS HAND OUT WOODEN NICKELS, I KNOW THAT THE PLANNING FOR THE EVENT WASN'T STARTED SOON ENOUGH."

WILLIAM MATHESON, ASSISTANT TO THE CHIEF OF THE RARE BOOK DIVISION OF THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS, HAS NOW DATED THE "SPIRIT OF '76" BROADSIDE AS 1809. EARLIER THE "9" HAD BEEN MISTAKEN FOR A "O" AND IT WAS WIDELY THOUGHT THAT THE PHRASE THE "SPIRIT OF '76" WAS FIRST USED IN 1800. IT NOW APPEARS THAT A SEMI-WEEKLY NEWSPAPER BEARING THAT TITLE AND PUBLISHED IN RICHMOND, VA., WAS THE FIRST TO USE THE SLOGAN IN PRINT. THAT PAPER WAS ESTABLISHED ON SEPTEMBER 13, 1808.



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THE MT. RUSHMORE NATIONAL SHRINE IN SOUTH DAKOTA WAS GIVEN OFFICIAL RECOGNITION BY THE ARBC ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10, AT ITS WASHINGTON, D.C. MEETING. AS PART OF THE NATIONAL PROGRAM FOR THE BICENTENNIAL COMMEMORATION THE BICENTENNIAL PROGRAMS PLANNED FOR THE MEMORIAL AND ENDORSED BY THE GOVERNORS OF FIVE STATES WILL BE ENHANCED BY USE OF THE OFFICIAL ARBC SYMBOL. IN WASHINGTON FOR THE OCCASION SOUTH DAKOTA GOVERNOR RICHARD F. KNEIP STATED, "YOUR SELECTION OF THIS SITE AS A NATIONAL FOCAL POINT WILL CERTAINLY ADD MEANING TO THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS OBSERVANCE—AND TRULY POINT TO THE HISTORICAL DEVELOPMENT OF A GREAT CONTINENTAL NATION."

AT THE COMMISSION MEETING LAST FRIDAY, THE IOWA WORLD'S FOOD EXPORECEIVED THE OFFICIAL ENCOURAGEMENT OF THE ARBC. THE STATE AND THE IOWA BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION WERE INVITED TO FURTHER DEVELOP THE CONCEPT INTO A PLAN OF ACTION. GOVERNOR RAY MET WITH THE ARBC AND EXPRESSED HIS DEEP APPRECIATION FOR THE ENCOURAGEMENT TO THE IOWA FOOD EXPO.

AT THE COMMISSION MEETING A RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED INVITING THE MICHIGAN DELEGATION TO THE COMMISSION TO RETURN IN APPROXIMATELY SIX MONTHS WITH AN ACTION PLAN FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN URBAN TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM FOR SE MICHIGAN. WHEN CERTAIN OBJECTIVES ARE MET THE ARBC WILL GIVE FULL CONSIDERATION TO AWARDING THE STATE THE UNIQUE DESIGNATION OF URBAN TRANSPORTATION CENTER'76, AND GIVE THIS EFFORT NATIONAL RECOGNITION AS ONE OF THE MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE ARBC.

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THE 1976 DENVER WINTER OLYMPICS RECEIVED OFFICIAL RECOGNITION AT THE COMMISSION MEETING AS A PART OF THE NATIONAL BICENTENNIAL PROGRAM. SCHEDULED TO OPEN ON FEBRUARY 20, THE XII WINTER GAMES WILL HOST THOUSANDS OF FOREIGN AND AMERICAN VISITORS WHO WILL BE PARTICIPATING IN THIS EARLY INTERNATIONAL EVENT OF THE BI-CENTENNIAL AS WELL AS COMMEMORATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE STATE OF COLORADO.

AT THE ARBC'S COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8, PLANS WERE ANNOUNCED TO FORM A SERIES OF SPECIAL ETHNIC COMMUNICATORS ACTION GROUPS, RECOGNIZING THAT SPECIAL ADVICE IS NEEDED TO REACH SPECIAL ETHNIC PUBLICS—THE BLACKS, THE PUERTO RICANS, THE SPANISH SPEAKING COMMUNITIES; THE INDIAN AMERICANS AND OTHER AMERICAN ETHNIC GROUPS. PLANS WERE ALSO LAID TO DEVELOP A MASTER ARBC PUBLIC SERVICE ADVERTISING PROGRAM BY THE COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE ADVERTISING COUNCIL BY SPRING, 1972.

THE ARRC AT ITS MEETING FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10, AUTHORIZED THE STAFF TO PROCURE THE SERVICES OF THE NATIONAL BUREAU OF STANDARDS (NBS), DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE TO PROCED WITH DEVELOPMENT OF THE INFORMATION SYSTEM ACCORDING TO THEIR EARLY RECOMMENDATIONS ON PRELIMINARY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MASTER CALENDAR INFORMATION SYSTEM.

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NIAGARA FALLS WAS DESIGNATED AS A BICENTERNIAL CITY UNDER THE MULTI-CITY CONCEPT, THE FIRST CITY TO BE OFFICIALLY ACCORDED THAT DISTINCTION. THE CITY WAS AWARDED USE OF THE ARBC OFFICIAL SYMBOL IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARBC RULES. THE RAINBOW CENTER PROJECT WHICH INVOLVES A COMPLETE REVITALIZATION OF THE ENTIRE 82 ACRES OF DOWNTOWN NIAGARA FALLS SERVES AS AN EXAMPLE TO OTHER COMMUNITIES TO SEEK NEW HORIZONS FOR 1976.

HAWATI'S GOVERNOR JOHN A. BURNS HAS NAMED SEVEN OF THE NINE MEMBERS OF THE HAWATI BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION AND WILL NAME THE REMAINING TWO SHORTLY. THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WILL BE THE ADMINISTRATIVE AGENCY ASSISTING THE COMMISSION. CORRESPONDENCE SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO MR. THURSTON TWIGG-SMITH, CHAIRMAN, HAWATI BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION, P.O. BOX 2359, HONOLULU, HAWATI 96804.

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CONGRESSMAN CLAUDE PEPPER (D-FLA.) SAID RECENTLY THAT PLANNERS OF THE MARTIN LUTHER KING BOULEVARD PROJECT ARE SURE TO GET FEDERAL AID TO TRANSFORM THE RIOTTORN AREA OF MIAMI INTO A SHOWPLACE IN TIME FOR THE BICENTENHIAL. CONG. PEPPER SAID THAT HE HAS SHOWN PLANS FOR THE MARTIN LUTHER KING PROJECT TO THE ARBC AS PART OF MIAMI'S BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION ALONG WITH INTERAMA, ACCORDING TO A REPORT APPEARING IN A MIAMI HERALD STORY.

MR. STURGES F. CARY, VICE PRESIDENT AND EDITOR IN CHIEF, SCHOOL DIVISION OF SCHOLASTIC MAGAZINES, INC. HAS SET UP AN IN-HOUSE NETWORK WITH SCHOLASTIC'S EDITORIAL DIRECTORS, MAGAZINE AND BOOK EDITORS FOR CIRCULATING BICENTENNIAL THEMES AND PROJECTS. HE IS THE ARBC'S CONTACT AND CLEARING HOUSE ON ALL BICENTENNIAL IDEAS THAT MIGHT BE SHARED WITH OTHERS THROUGHOUT. HIS CORPORATION.

THE SIERRA CLUB, A PRESTIGIOUS CALIFORNIA CONSERVATION GROUP, HAS URGED THAT FOCUS ON THE NATION'S NATURAL HISTORY, AS WELL AS POLITICAL HISTORY, BE INCLUDED IN NATIONAL BICENTENNIAL PLANS FOR AMERICA'S 200TH BIRTHDAY OBSERVATION.

ACCORDING TO THE NEWARK STAR-LEDGER, NEW JERSEY, THE LATEST TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE EXECUTIVE TO HEAD THE PHILADELPHIA BICENTENNIAL EXPO CORPORATION IS FORMER GOVERNOR OF PA. RAYMOND P. SHAFER, CURRENTLY HEAD OF PRESIDENT NIXON'S COMMISSION ON MARIJUANA. STILL IN THE RUNNING, IT REPORTS, ARE ARTHUR F. SAMPSON, COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS FOR GSA AND W. THATCHER LONGSTRETH, DEFEATED REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE FOR MAYOR OF PHILADELPHIA. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM MAYOR-ELECT RIZZO AND NEW JERSEY GOVERNOR CAHILL ARE NOW AWAITED.

MARTIN L. CHESHES, DEPUTY PRINCIPAL OFFICER OF THE AMERICAN CONSULATE IN MARTINIQUE, FRENCH WEST INDIES, IN PREPARATION FOR THE BICENTENNIAL HAS ORGANIZED AN EXHIBIT AT THE CONSULATE SHOWING THE EARLIEST TIES BETWEEN THE FRENCH WEST INDIES AND THE UNITED STATES. MR. CHESHES HAS OBTAINED COPIES OF A NUMBER OF RELEVANT STATE DEPARTMENT DOCUMENTS FOR DISPLAY. THE ARBC INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS STAFF HAS COMMENDED MR. CHESHES FOR HIS INITIATIVE.

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THE TWO-DOLLAR BILL MAY MAKE A COMEBACK AS A BIT OF BICENTENNIAL COMMEMORATIVE CURRENCY. THE U.S. TREASURY HALTED PRINTING OF THE DENOMINATION IN 1966, BUT IN IS STILL LEGAL TENDER TODAY. JAMES CONLON, DIRECTOR OF THE BUREAU OF ENGRAVING AND PRINTING FORESEES AN ANNUAL SAVINGS OF \$2.1 MILLION BY ISSUING "A NEW \$2 FEDERAL RESERVE NOTE TO SUPPLANT A PORTION OF THE PRESENT \$1 REQUIREMENTS."

NEW MEMBERS OF THE GEORGIA COMMISSION FOR THE NATIONAL BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION ARE REP. MATTHEW W. MULHERIN OF AUGUSTA, CURTIS COLLINS, EDITOR AND PUBLISHER OF GEORGIA BUSINESS NEWS, BERT H. HATCH, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE GEORGIA ASSOCIATION OF BROADCASTERS, AND GEORGE W. HAILE JR. OF SAVANNAH, WHO IS GEORGIA PRESIDENT OF THE SONS OF THE REVOLUTION.

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN HAS RECEIVED A UNIQUE \$130,940 GRANT FROM
THE NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES TO COORDINATE A STATE-WIDE FIVE-YEAR
STUDY OF THE "AMERICAN DEMOCRATIC EXPERIENCE" IN PREPARATION FOR THE BICENTENNIAL.
UT WILL WORK WITH 20 COLLEGES, UNIVERSITIES AND CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS IN TEXAS TO
DEVELOP A PROGRAM INTENDED TO REACH ALL TEXANS.



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IN A NATIONAL ADDRESS AND PRESS RELEASE THIS WEEK FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION CHAIRMAN HAS CALLED UPON THE ARBC "TO MAKE MARITIME HISTORY THE THEME OF THE NATIONS'S CELEBRATION OF ITS 200TH BIRTHDAY." CHAIRMAN HELEN BENTLEY URGED THAT ATLANTIC, PACIFIC, GREAT LAKES, GULF PORT CITIES AND "EVERY WATERFRONT IN THE COUNTRY" BECOME A SPECIAL "BICENTENNIAL FAIR" THAT WOULD RECALL THIS COUNTRY'S GLORIOUS MARITIME PAST AND USE SHIPS AS FLOATING DISPLAYS OF AMERICAN HISTORY AND OUR CONTRIBUTION TO WORLD SCIENCE AND ECONOMY. IN HER SPEECH THE CHAIRMAN CONCLUDED, "PERHAPS THE MOST CONSPICUOUS ADVANTAGE IN THE USE OF SHIPS IS THEIR NATURAL MOBILITY. THIS WOULD ALLOW THE ENTIRE EXPOSITION TO BE MOVED EITHER IN A BLOC, IN SMALLER GROUPS, OR INDIVIDUALLY TO SUITABLE LOCATIONS WHERE ADEQUATE PORT OR ANCHORAGE COULD BE AN EXPOSITION SITE. FOR THE FIRST TIME THERE COULD BE CENTRAL, PLUS WIDESPREAD, PARTICIPATION BY DIFFERENCT CITIES AND STATES... THE BICENTENNIAL COULD BE TRULY NATIONAL IN A WAY THAT NO ONE-CITY SITE COULD OFFER."

THE LEAGUE OF HISTORICAL SOCIETIES OF NEW JERSEY HAS INFORMED THE ARBC THAT NEW JERSEY CONTEMPLATES THREE PHASES OF THE BICENTENNIAL: (1) A STUDY OF THE HISTORY AND MEN OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION; (2) EMPHASIS ON THE IDEAS AND IDEALS OF THE REVOLUTION AND THEIR RELEVANCE TODAY; AND (3) RELEVANT CIVIC GOALS. THE LEAGUE ALSO STATES THAT IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT EACH LOCALITY, EACH COUNTY AND EVERY STATE ORGANIZATION WILL PARTICIPATE IN SOME WAY. THEY EMPHASIZE THAT PARTICIPATION SHOULD BE HISTORICAL, CULTURAL, EDUCATIONAL AND INSPIRATIONAL.

THE SENATE HAS PASSED THE ARBC AUTHORIZATION BILL (\$1857), BUT ACTION ON THE HOUSE SIDE IS NOT EXPECTED UNTIL AFTER CONGRESS RECONVENES IN JANUARY. AS PASSED BY THE SENATE, THE BILL GIVES THE ARBC AUTHORITY TO SPEND \$4.3 MILLION OVER THE NEXT YEAR (INCLUDING \$2.4 MILLION IN FEDERAL GRANTS) AND AUTHORITY TO ENLARGE THE COMMISSION.

THE MIAMI HERALD HAS ENTERED A BICENTENNIAL FLOAT IN THE JANUARY 1, 1972 ORANGE PARADE IN MIAMI. THE FLOAT CARRIES THREE SERVICEMEN BEARING THE COLORS, A GIGANTIC LIBERTY BELL, AND LARGE FANELS "1776-1976." THE CENTER PANEL OF THE FLOAT STATES, "MIAMI SALUTES OUR COUNTRY'S BICENTENNIAL." THE PARADE WILL BE SHOWN ON NBC NATIONWIDE TELEVISION ON NEW YEARS DAY.

STATE ITEMS:

THE DOMINGUES-ESCALANTE EXPEDITION OF 1776 A KEY LINK TO SOUTHWEST SETTLEMENT AND TRADE TRAFFIC AND A REGIONAL HISTORY OF THE NAVAJO, UTES, PAIUTES, APACHE, HOPI, ZUNI AND OTHER INDIAN TRIBES HAVE BEEN ANNOUNCED AS MAJOR THEMES FOR UTAH'S BICENTENNIAL COMMEMORATION.

ARIZONA'S BICENTENNIAL MAY START IN MEXICO. PLANS TO COMMEMORATE THE DEANZA EXPEDITION CALL FOR RELIGIOUS AND CIVIL CEREMONIES AT HORCASITAS IN SENORA IN 1975, FOLLOWED BY A GROUP TRAVELING FROM TUBAC, ARIZONA TO TUCSON. THE ARIZONA COMMISSION PLANS TO FILM THE RE-ENACTMENT.

THE DECEMBER 14TH MEETING OF THE MASSACHUSETTS REVOLUTIONARY WAR BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION WAS HIGHLIGHTED BY A PRESENTATION OF "TWO IF BY SEA" A NEW MUSICAL WITH A REVOLUTIONARY WAR THEME SCHEDULED FOR AN OFF-BROADWAY OPENING IN JANUARY.

NEW CHAIRMAN OF THE VERMONT BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION IS MR. JOHN DUFFY, DIRECTOR OF THE VERMONT HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

MRS. J. R. ALBI WAS APPOINTED EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE COLORADO 1976 CENTENNIAL-BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION.

ALABAMA ANNOUNCED ITS NEW CHAIRMAN, REPRESENTATIVE SAGE LYONS AND LOUISIANA'S NEW DIRECTOR IS MIKE HACKETT OF THE STATE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT.

NEW KENTUCKY COMMISSION MEMBERS INCLUDE MRS. CHARLES L. ATCHEN, MR. TOM HALLEY, AND MR. RAYMOND WIMBERG.

OHIO HAS PLANS FOR '72 OFFICIAL OPENINGS OF THREE REVOLUTIONARY WAR STATE MEMORIALS-FORT LAURENS AT BOLIVAR, MUSEUM OF HISTORIC INDIANS AT PIQUA HISTORIC AREA, AND THE RESTORED SCHOENBRUNN VILLAGE.

THE FIRST VOLUME OF WISCONSIN'S 6-VOLUME STATE HISTORY WILL BE AVAILABLE IN 1972 AND THE LAST VOLUME WILL BE READY IN 1976.

ROBERT SISSCW ANNOUNCED PLANS TO ESTABLISH A PEOPLE-TO-PEOPLE PROGRAM WITH CLOSE-CIRCUIT T.V. FROM SUBURBIA TO INNTER-CITY IN ORDER TO SET GOALS FOR THE MICHIGAN STATE COMMISSION.

EXECUTIVE ORDER: I, MIKE O'CALLACHAN, GOVERNOR OF NEVADA, DO HEREBY ORDER, UNDER THE POWER IN ME VESTED, THE CREATION OF A BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION COMMISSION IN THE STATE OF NEVADA, AND FURTHER STATE THAT THE CHAIRMAN OF THIS COMMISSION SHALL BE THE DEPUTY STATE ARCHIVIST, A POSITION WITHIN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

IDAHO'S ATTORNEY GENERAL W. ANTHONY PARK HAS CALLED FOR THE FIRST MEETING FOR THE IDAHO BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION ON DECEMBER 17. PERSONS WHO HAVE ACCEPTED APPOINT-MENTS TO THE COMMISSION INCLUDE DOROTHY MCCANN, SENATOR RICHARD HIGH, MRS. ANGELA BUTTERFIELD, MRS. THELMA CHRISTIANSEN, DR. MERLE WELLS, MR. MARCUS J. WARE, AND MR. JOHN CAYLOR.

IN A SPEECH ON THE FLOOR OF THE HOUSE, DECEMBER 13, CONGRESSMAN LARRY WILLIAMS, ARBC MEMBER, STATED THAT THE ARBC "HAS NO CONTRACTS WITH ANY MINTS IN THIS COUNTRY AND NO MINT IS PRODUCING ANYTHING FOR THE ARBC. THEREFORE, THERE ARE NO TAXPAYER DOLLARS INVOLVED AND THERE ARE NO TAXPAYER DOLLARS THAT WILL, THEREFORE, HAVE TO BE REPAID." HE WENT ON TO SAY: "THE STATE BICENTENNIAL COMMISSIONS HAVE ACTUALLY SAVED TAXPAYER DOLLARS BY USING THE PROFITS FROM THE SALE OF THE COMMEMORATIVE MEDALS TO RUN THEIR COMMISSIONS; OTHERWISE, THE NECESSARY FUNDS WOULD HAVE NECESSITATED APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE VARIOUS STATE LEGISLATURES."

AT THE ARBC MEETING DECEMBER 10TH, CHAIRMAN DAVID J. MAHONEY EXPRESSED HIS REGRETS THAT THE NATIONAL MEDICAL ASSOCIATION'S PROPOSED RESOLUTION ON SICKLE CELL DISEASE COULD NOT BE PASSED AT THAT TIME. CHAIRMAN MAHONEY EXPLAINED THAT THE RESOLUTION HAD BEEN TABLED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR CO-ORDINATION WITH OTHER GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS WORKING ON THE SAME PROJECT. THE NMA PROPOSAL, MAKING THE FIGHT AGAINST SICKLE CELL ANEMIA A BICENTENNIAL PRIORITY CAMPAIGN IS SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION AT THE NEXT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING.

MR VINCENT DE FOREST, PRESIDENT OF THE AFRO-AMERICAN BICENTENNIAL CORPORATION (ABC), ADDRESSED THE ARBC MEETING DECEMBER 10TH AT THE INVITATION OF JULIA BUTLER HANSEN, CONGRESSWOMAN FROM THE STATE OF WASHINGTON. MR. DE FOREST EXPRESSED CONCERN FOR THE NEED OF BICENTENNIAL PROJECTS BENEFITING THE QUALITY OF LIFE, PROJECTS INVOLVING MINORITY AND ETHNIC GROUP PARTICIPATION AT ALL LEVELS. "WE LOOK TO THE BICENTENNIAL FOR HOPE. WE MUST WORK TOGETHER FOR THE FUTURE STRENGTHENING OF AMERICA," MR. DE FOREST CONCLUDED.

MR. HOBART LEWIS HAS ANNOUNCED THAT A MAJOR STORY WILL APPEAR IN READER'S DIGEST AT AN APPROPRIATE TIME IN 1972. THE ANNOUNCEMENT WAS MADE BY ROBERT O'BRIEN, SENIOR EDITOR OF READER'S DIGEST AT THE COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING ON DECEMBER 8.

MR. DICK POURADE MADE A SIMILAR ANNOUNCEMENT AT THE FULL COMMISSION MEETING ON DECEMBER 10.



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AS AGREED AT THE LAST COMMISSION MEETING, THE NEXT MEETING OF THE FULL COMMISSION WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1972, IN WASHINGTON, D.C. PLANS ARE ALSO UNDERWAY FOR A FIFTY STATES MEETING TO BE HELD ON THE PRECEDING DATES, FEBRUARY 21-22. THE NEXT MEETING OF THE ARBC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WILL BE AT 9:00 A.M., THURSDAY, JANUARY 27, 1972, IN ARBC HEADQUARTERS, WASHINGTON, D.C.

MAYOR WALTER E. WASHINGTON LAST WEEK APPOINTED A NEW 28-MEMBER COMMUNITY BASED D.C. BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION TO BE HEADED BY JAMES GIBSON, CHAIRMAN OF THE WASHINGTON PLANNING AND HOUSING ASSOCIATION, A CITIZERS' GROUP WHICH PUSHES PROGRAMS FOR THE POOR. IN ADDITION THE MAYOR ANNOUNCED CREATION OF A BICENTENNIAL ASSEMBLY, WITH AN INITIAL MEMBERSHIP OF 100 BUT OPEN TO ANYONE WHO WANTS TO JOIN, TO ADVISE THE COMMISSION. SPEAKING GENERALLY OF BICENTENNIAL GOALS, GIBSON LISTED EFFORTS AT REDUCING CRIME AND DRUG ABUSE, IMPROVING EDUCATION AND COMPLETION OF URBAN RENEWAL IN THE CITY'S RIOT-DAMAGE AREAS, WITH INITIAL OBJECTIVES BEING THE CITY'S SELF-IMAGE. THE NEW COMMISSION INCLUDES 23 PRIVATE CITIZENS AND FIVE EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS, THE MAYOR, CITY COUNCIL CHAIRMAN, DISTRICT DELEGATE, BOARD OF EDUCATION PRESIDENT AND FORMER CHAIRMAN, MARK EVANS.

THE NEW SPIRIT OF '76, A GROUP OF PLANNERS AND ARCHITECTS INTERESTED IN THE PHILADELPHIA EXPO, LAST WEEK SUGGESTED A POSSIBLE THEME FOR THE INTERNATIONAL EVENT--"ISLAND EARTH." THE GROUP SUGGESTED THAT A KEYNOTE OF THE EXPO COULD BE THE SIGNING OF A "DECLARATION OF INTERDEPENDENCE" BY THE 100 PLUS NATIONS WHO ARE EXPECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN OUR BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION. CHAIRMAN JOHN BUNTING OF THE BICENTENNIAL CORP. SAID THE GROUPS PROPOSALS WOULD BE "TAKEN UNDER ADVISEMENT FOR SERIOUS STUDY."

THE DELAWARE RIVER PORT AUTHORITY IS STUDYING POSSIBLE RECONDITIONING OF ITS THREE FERRIES IN TIME FOR THE PROPOSED '76 INTERNATIONAL EXPO AS A PART OF A \$43.5 MILLION SPECIAL TRANSIT NETWORK FOR THE FAIR. THE FERRIES, WHICH COULD TRANSPORT 10,000 PASSENGERS PER HOUR EACH WAY, WOULD ANSWER WHAT HAS BECOME AN IMPORTANT TECHNICAL QUESTION ABOUT THE PROPOSED DELAWARE RIVER SITES: HOW WILL FAIR-GOERS GET FROM THE PORT RICHMOND AREA TO PETTYS ISLAND? A MONORAIL SERVICE BY BRIDGE OR TUNNEL HAS ALSO BEEN DISCUSSED.

AN AWARD MADE POSSIBLE THROUGH A SPECIAL BICENTENNIAL STUDIES FUND CONCERNED WITH THE HISTORY OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION HAS BEEN GIVEN TO DR. ARTHUR SHAFFER, PROFESSOR OF HISTORY, UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI BY THE NATIONAL ENDOW-MENT FOR THE HUMANITIES. DR. SHAFFER RECEIVED \$15,000 FOR A POLITICAL BIOGRAPHY OF EDMUND RANDOLPH, FIRST U.S. ATTORNEY-GENERAL AND A GOVERNOR OF VIRGINIA.

THE PHILADELPHIA BICENTERMIAL CORPORATION HAS INTRODUCED THE OFFICIAL SYMBOL IT WILL USE FOR PHILADELPHIA'S '76 CELEBRATION. THE ABSTRACT DESIGN OF LINES AND SWIRLS BY WYMAN & CARMAN CO. SYMBOLIZES ALL THE NATIONS OF THE WORLD "COMING TOGETHER IN PEACE AND UNDERSTANDING." THE FIRM STATES THAT A WHITE PENTAGON. SHAPE IN THE CENTER REPRESENTS THE UNITED STATES, WHILE FIVE SURROUNDING PIESHAPED SEGMENTS REPRESENT THE CONTINENTS OF THE EARTH.

THE LANCASTER (PA.) BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE THIS MONTH HAS ISSUED A DETAIL SHEET WITH LISTS OF RESPONSIBILITIES ASSIGNED TO EACH OF ITS 11 SUBCOMMITTEES AND ALL COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR PLANNING THE BICENTENNIAL IN THAT AREA. RESPONSIBILITIES INCLUDE PLANNING AND PUBLICITY, TOUR DEVELOPMENT, EDUCATION, RELIGIOUS COORDINATION, PERFORMING ARTS AND HISTORICAL RESEARCH.

THE VIRGINIA INDEPENDENCE BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION MET THIS MONTH AT THE BOAR'S HEAD INN IN CHARLOTTESVILLE, WHERE IT WAS HOSTED BY THE THOMAS JEFFERSON MEMORIAL POUNDATION AND UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA PRESIDENT EDGAR F. SHANNON, JR. ABOUT 120 STATE AND LOCAL COMMISSION MEMBERS HEARD A PROGRESS REPORT ON THE CHARLOTTESVILLE-ALBEMARLE AREA'S PLANS FOR THE BICENTENNIAL, AS WELL AS A PROPOSAL FOR AN OFFICIAL INSIGNIA FOR THE VIBC, DRAWN UP BY ARTIST-DESIGNER WILLIAM GRAVITT.

THE MARYLAND BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION LAST WEEK ASKED ITS STATE LEGISLATURE FOR \$55,000 FOR SCHOLARLY RESEARCH ON THE REVOLUTION. JUDGE WILSON K. BARNES, CHAIRMAN, PROPOSED TO A LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL COMMITTEE THREE SEPARATE PROJECTS, \$30,000 FOR A THREE-YEAR COMPILATION OF A HISTORY AND BIOGRAPHICAL DICTIONARY OF THE STATE LEGISLATURE, 1765-1789; \$15,000 FOR A ONE-YEAR STUDY OF THE STATE'S FOUR IRON WORKS OPERATING AT THE TIME OF THE REVOLUTION; AND \$10,000 OVER A TWO-YEAR PERIOD FOR THE COMMISSION TO ORGANIZE A GUIDE AND INDEX OF MATERIAL AT THE MARYLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE COST AND FEASIBILITY STUDY ON THE NEW SITE OF THE INTERNATIONAL EXPOSITION WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE BY THE PHILADELPHIA BICENTENNIAL CORPORATION BY THE END OF DECEMBER. HOWEVER, THE TRANSPORTATION ELEMENT OF THE PLAN WILL NOT BE FORWARDED UNTIL IT IS APPROVED BY THE GOVERNORS OF PENNSYLVANIA AND NEW JERSEY, WHICH IS EXPECTED TO TAKE PLACE ABOUT JANUARY 15. CONSIDERATION OF THE OVERALL PLAN WILL THEN BE UNDERTAKEN WITHIN THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH.

BERKELEY COUNTY (W. VA.) WILL BE 200 YEARS OLD IN 1972 AND HAS FORMED A BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION TO PLAN APPROPRIATE COMMEMORATIVE CEREMONIES. THE COMMISSION ALSO PLANS TO SELL A 450-PAGE BOOK ON THE HISTORY OF THE COUNTY, WHICH WAS WRITTEN BY DR. WILLIAM T. DOHERTY, CHAIRMAN OF THE WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY HISTORY DEPARTMENT.

THE NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SOCIETY'S SCHOOL BULLETIN EDITOR HAS DESIGNATED CHARLES H. SLOAN "BICENTENNIAL EDITOR." HE WILL COORDINATE FUTURE SCHOOL BULLETIN ARTICLES FOR CHILDREN ON THE BICENTENNIAL WITH THE ARBC.

"ALMANAC OF AMERICAN HERITAGE," A SERIES OF PATRIOTIC SPOT ANNOUNCEMENTS, WHICH IS PROVIDED TO ALL RADIO STATIONS FOR PUBLIC SERVICE USE, IS AVAILABLE THROUGH THE PUBLIC RELATIONS SERVICE OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BROADCASTERS, WASHINGTON, D.C.

THE NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES HAS AWARDED A CENTENNIAL RESEARCH PROJECT GRANT OF \$36,267 TO THE UNIVERSITY OF PUERTO RICO IN RIO PIEDRAS IN SUPPORT OF RESEARCH ON THE ABOLITION OF SLAVERY IN PUERTO RICO. 1973 MARKS THE CENTENNIAL OF THE ABOLITION.

CONSTRUCTION OF THE GIANT CONVENTION AND VISITOR BUREAU BEING BUILT FOR THE BICENTENNIAL IN NEW YORK CITY IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN IN ABOUT 18 MONTHS ON THE HUDSON RIVER WATERFRONT. THE \$100 MILLION FACILITY IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED OPERABLY FOR THE BICENTENNIAL.

MG JAMES F. CANTWELL, PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL GUARD ASSOCIATION OF THE U.S. HAS APPOINTED NINE ACTIVE AND FORMER GUARDSMEN, ALL WITH BACKGROUNDS IN THE NATION'S HISTORY, TO SERVE ON THE ASSOCIATION'S BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION. LTC JOHN O. MARSH OF THE VIRGINIA ARNG HAS BEEN APPOINTED CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMISSION, WHICH WILL HELP TO DEVELOP PLANS FOR PARTICIPATION BY THE GUARD. COLONEL MARSH THE FORMER CONGRESSMAN, DRAFTED THE BICENTENNIAL PROGRAM FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ARMY. THE COMMISSION HELD ITS FIRST MEETING THIS MONTH.



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PARTING WORDS OF THE OLD YEAR:

On the Philadelphia Expo: "I hope we get it, but I don't believe we're going to get it. How many times do you strike out?" Phila. Mayor-elect Rizzo, December 16.

Same subject: "We always had strong support from Mayor Tate, but events of the last few days give me cause to wonder if Mayor-elect Rizzo will support the exposition." John R. Bunting, Jr., Board Chairman of the Philadelphia Bicentennial Cor. December 20.

"So far there has been astonishingly little nationwide interest in the bicentennial." Robert Moses, head of the New York World's Fair, 1964.

"The Bicentennial is not a frivolous, self-congratulatory occasion in which we call ourselves the greatest, the mostest, and so forth. The federal law that established the American Revolution Bicentennial Commission clearly expresses a determination to make the whole anniversary observance a solemn occasion — an occasion to look back upon our first principles — the ones written in 1776; an occasion to ask ourselves if we still have those same principles." Bernard Bush, Executive Director, New Jersey Historical Commission.

William Zeckendorf, Manhattan's great real estate consultant, who assembled the land that made possible the United Nations, helped rebuild the Wall Street area and built the ill-fated Freedomland amusement park before thin-margin mortgages collapsed and brought him down, is offering another grand plan to federal officials with a bicentennial goal. Zeckendorf would like to see Manhattan enclosed in a space enclosure "bubble of 500 to 1,000 acres with the dome 1,000 feet high." The weather would be mild and controlled -- 72 degrees year-round, no humidity problems, no ecological problems and fewer health problems. He hopes to encourage the Department of Housing and Urban Development for a feasibility test of what could become "the horticultural center of North America -- effectively a Garden of Eden." Happy New Year New York.

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Washington, D. C.'s National Cathedral, now under construction for renovation, is being readied for completion in time for the Bicentennial celebration. The twin towers (highest point in Washington) and the west transept are presently undergoing architectural change.

Denver, as home of the '76 Winter Olympics, has recently been designated as the host city for the annual Congress of the National League of Cities in 1976. The league board of directors voted to hold its '76 meeting Nov. 28-Dec. 2, coinciding with the national bicentennial and Colorado's centennial.

A recent editorial appearing in the Miami (Fla.) News states: "The Bicentennial, with its uniquely planned appeal, actually is in a position to give new vigor and strength to the tourist industry."

The Chester (Pa.) Bicentennial Committee is sponsoring an Avenue of the States promotion during which a different state flag is flown weekly over the 1724 Chester Courthouse. Flag-raising ceremonies are held every Monday with local sponsors present for each new state.

The Bedford County (Pa.) Bicentennial Commission this year sponsored a very successful Christmas Shoppe in Bedford's historic Anderson House. The shoppe featured Bicentennial souvenir and commemorative items, as well as bicentennial coins in both silver and bronze.

The Washington (D. C.) Star last week reported that a D. C. Bicentennial program with proposals ranging from public works to new local education and social services probably will be presented to Congress in a special Presidential message in late winter or early spring.

The South Dakota Bicentennial Commission is meeting in Pierre on January 6, 1972. The ARBC State Coordination staff will be represented at this first meeting since the designation of Mount Rushmore as a bicentennial site.



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1972 IS THE NATIONAL PARK CENTENNIAL YEAR AND PRESIDENT NIXON THIS WEEK HELPED INAUGURATE THE COMMEMORATION. "IN EVERY TIME AND SEASON," HE SAID, "OUR PARKS GIVE US THEIR JOYS AND BEAUTIES. THEY HAVE ENRICHED THE CITIZENS OF THIS LAND BEYOND MEASURE, AND HAVE INSPIRED MORE THAN 100 NATIONS TO SET ASIDE OVER 1,200 NATIONAL PARKS AND PRESERVES."

SENATOR JOHN TOWER OF TEXAS HAS STATED THAT HE IS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN SEEING MEXICAN-AMERICANS REPRESENTED ON THE ARBC. TOWER HAS ASKED FOR THIS MINORITY REPRESENTATION IN A LETTER TO HOUSE JUDICIARY CHAIRMAN EMANUEL CELLER.

THE CONDUCTORS AND MANAGERS OF AMERICA'S MUSICAL ORGANIZATIONS ARE CONSIDERING THE BEST WAYS TO COMMEMORATE THE BICENTENNIAL MUSICALLY. THE PHILADELPHIA ORCHESTRA HAS COMMISSIONED A WORK FOR THE OCCASION FROM LEONARD BERNSTEIN. AND THE AMERICAN WIND SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA WITH ITS CONDUCTOR ROBERT AUSTIN BOUDREAU HOPES TO PERFORM ON A DARGE UP AND DOWN THE OHIO RIVER. THE ORCHESTRA IS COMPRISED OF 57 YOUNG MUSICIANS EAGER TO GET A CHANCE TO PLAY DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS.

CONGRESSMAN JAMES SYMINGTON (MO.) PLANS TO MEET IN FEBRUARY WITH A GROUP OF CONGRESSMEN TO OUTLINE PLANS TO MAKE THE MISSISSIPPI, MISSOURI AND OHIO RIVERS KEY PARTS OF THE BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION. LAST SEPTEMBER, SYMINGTON PROPOSED A BICENTENNIAL PLANNING COMMISSION COMPRISING THE MAYORS OF ST. LOUIS, HANNIBAL, MINNEAPOLIS, ST. PAUL, NATCHEZ, MEMPHIS, NEW ORLEANS AND OTHER CITIES ALONG THE MISSISSIPPI. THE GROUP ENVISIONED OLD-FASHIONED RIVER BOATS STEAMING UP AND DOWN THE RIVERS DURING THE BICENTENNIAL, GIVING THE VISITOR'S A LOOK AT THE NATION'S HEARTLAND. ACCOMPANYING THIS WOULD BE MAJOR IMPROVEMENT EFFORTS IN MIDWESTERN CITIES TO CLEAN UP BLIGHTED AREAS AND REDUCE RIVER AND AIR POLLUTION. SYMINGTON HOPES TO MAKE THE UPCOMING 300TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER'S EXPLORATION A LAUNCHING PAD FOR THE NATIONAL BICENTENNIAL COMMEMORATION AND A MEANS TO BRING ATTENTION FROM THE EAST TO THE MIDWEST.

CONGRESSMAN GILBERT GUDE (MD.) HAS URGED THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY TO HELP GUIDE THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEW C & O CANAL NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK AND TO SUGGEST MARKERS AND RESTORATIONS THAT WOULD TELL THE CANAL'S HISTORY

AND RELATE IT TO THE NATION'S. GUDE, WHO SPONSORED THE LEGISLATION AUTHORIZING THE NEW PARK, POINTED OUT THAT THE BICENTENNIAL WILL ALSO MARK THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD., IN WHICH THE FAMOUS CANAL FLOWS.

THE TOWNS OF NORTHUMBERLAND AND SUNBURY (PA.) HELD A BICENTENNIAL PLANNING MEETING ON JANUARY 6TH TO HEAR A REPORT ON THE RECENT SALE OF BICENTENNIAL CALENDARS AND SPECIAL LOCAL CAR TAGS COMMEMORATING THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY LOCALLY AND TO DISCUSS THE DEDICATION OF THE ISLAND PARK MARINA ON JUNE 18TH, THE COMMUNITIES BICENTENNIAL DATE.

A BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE HAS BEEN FORMED BY THE MANVILLE (N.J.) EDUCATION ASSOCIATION. AT A RECENT CONVENTION OF THE NEW JERSEY EDUCATION ASSOCIATION, HISTORIAN JOHN CUNNINGHAM PRAISED THE MANVILLE UNIT'S ACTION AND SAID HE HOPED THIS WOULD BE AN ENCOURAGEMENT FOR THE OTHER LOCAL EDUCATION GROUPS IN NEW JERSEY AND THROUGHOUT THE NATION TO TAKE SIMILAR ACTION.

ARBC MEMBER, ANN HAWKES HUTTON REPORTS THAT NEARLY 10,000 PEOPLE THRONGED THE BANKS OF THE DELAWARE THIS YEAR TO WATCH THE 19TH RE-ENACTMENT OF WASHINGTON'S CROSSING ON CHRISTMAS DAY. THIS IS A NEW ATTENDANCE RECORD FOR THE ANNUAL EVENT. MRS. HUTTON DESCRIBED THE EVENT THUSLY: "A TREMENDOUS CROWD, A SMOOTH AND COLORFUL CROSSING, STANDING ROOM ONLY TO SEE THE FILM, "WASHINGTON CROSSING THE DELAWARE" IN THE MEMORAIL BUILDING, BOTH PRECEDING AND FOLLOWING THE RE-ENACTMENT, AND EXCELLENT TV COVERAGE." THE EVENT IS CO-SPONSORED BY THE WASHINGTON CROSSING PARK COMMISSION, THE PENNSYLVANIA HISTORICAL AND MUSEUM COMMISSION, THE WASHINGTON CROSSING FOUNDATION AND THE BUCKS COUNTY HISTORICAL-TOURIST COMMISSION.

THE NATIONAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF GETTYSBURG (PA.) HAS NOTIFIED THE ARBC THAT THEIR APRIL ISSUE OF AMERICAN HISTORY ILLUSTRATED WILL BE A SPECIAL ISSUE ENTITLED, "THE CONCISE ILLUSTRATED HISTORY OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION." THE SOCIETY HAS BEEN KIND ENOUGH TO OFFER A LIMITED NUMBER TO THE ARBC FOR ORDERS IN ADVANCE OF PUBLICATION. THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE WILL SELL THE VOLUME TO TOURISTS. ADVANCED COMPLIMENTARY COPIES CAN BE OBTAINED BY WRITING THE ARBC NOW.

A STATUE IN MEMORY OF GENERAL JOHN J. "BLACKJACK" PERSHING IS BEING STUDIED AS A POSSIBLE BICENTENNIAL COMMEMORATIVE. HOUSE VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN OLIN TEAGUE (TEXAS) RECENTLY WROTE A LETTER TO PRESIDENT NIXON URGING SUPPORT OF THE MEMORIAL FOR THE BICENTENNIAL. THE WHITE HOUSE HAS SINCE ANNOUNCED THAT THE AMERICAN BATTLE MONUMENTS COMMISSION WAS CONSIDERING THE POSSIBILITY OF INCLUDING PLANNING FUNDS FOR THE PROJECT IN ITS FISCAL YEAR '73 BUDGET REQUEST THAT WILL GO TO CONGRESS THIS MONTH. "THE PROPOSAL HAS MERIT AND IS UNDER SERIOUS CONSIDERATION," A WHITE HOUSE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE OLD CITY HALL OF LANCASTER (PA.) - BUILT IN 1799 AND PRESENTLY STANDING ONLY PARTIALLY USED IN HISTORIC PENN SQUARE IN LANCASTER - MAY PLAY A CENTRAL PART IN THAT COMMUNITIES BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION, CITY OFFICIALS ANNOUNCED RECENTLY. WEEKLY BICENTENNIAL LUNCHEONS IN THE HALL ARE CURRENTLY UNDER CONSIDERATION BY A TOWN COMMITTEE AS A "WAY TO GENERATE ENTHUSIASM." ALSO, UNDER DISCUSSION IN THE COMMUNITY IS WHAT THE COUNTY MIGHT DO TO CELEBRATE SEPTEMBER 27, 1977, THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DAY WHEN LANCASTER WAS THE NATION'S CAPITAL.

THE NEWLY-CREATED BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION OF THE NATIONAL GUARD ASSOCIATION OF THE U.S. RECENTLY HELD ITS FIRST FORMAL MEETING AND DEVELOPED SOME GENERAL APPROACHES FOR NATIONAL GUARD PARTICIPATION IN THE BICENTENNIAL OBSERVANCE. THE PRIMARY THRUST, THE COMMISSION DECIDED, SHOULD BE TO EMPHASIZE THE IMPORTANT ROLE THE MILITIA PLAYED IN THE BIRTH AND BUILDING OF THE NATION, AND THE SIGNIFICANT ROLE IT CONTINUES TO PLAY AS A KEY DEFENSE ELEMENT. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE REPRESENTATIVE, EUGENE J. SLEEVI, AND ARBC DEPUTY DIRECTOR HUGH A. HALL PRESENTED BRIEFINGS TO THE COMMISSION, CHAIRED BY JOHN O. MARSH, FORMER CONGRESSMAN FROM VIRGINIA AND FORMER ARBC MEMBER.

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NEW JERSEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY PRESIDENT MILFORD A. VIESER ANNOUNCED THAT FORMER NEW JERSEY GOVERNOR ALFRED E. DRISCOLL HAS BEEN NAMED TO HEAD THE RECENTLY FORMED BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION. "WE WILL DEDICATE OUR EFFORTS TOWARD MAKING THE BICENTENNIAL OF 1976 A NEW, PSYCHOLOGICAL TURNING POINT IN THE LIFE OF NEW JERSEY AND THE NATION," THE COMMITTEE STATED LAST WEEK. GREAT EMPHASIS IS TO BE PLACED ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF BICENTENNIAL MATERIALS AND ACTIVITIES AIMED AT YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE STATE, DRISCOLL SAID.

C. LANGHORNE WASHBURN, ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF COMMERCE FOR TOURISM SAID RECENTLY IN AN ADDRESS THAT THE U.S. IS LOSING TOURISTS TO EUROPE BECAUSE IT IS FAILING TO PRESERVE HISTORIC ATTRACTIONS AND BECAUSE MOST HOTEL AND MOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS ARE LOOK-ALIKE. HE SAID THAT THERE WAS A COMPELLING OPPORTUNITY AT HAND IN THE APPROACHING BICENTENNIAL COMMEMORATION. IN HIS SPEECH, MR. WASHBURN ALSO NOTED THAT PICTURESQUE BUILDINGS AND NEIGHBORHOODS ARE BEING TORN DOWN FOR NEW DEVELOPMENTS. "REGIONAL, CULTURAL DIFFERENCES AND QUAINT LOCAL FOLK ART" ARE BEING LOST TO MASS PRODUCTION, HE SAID.



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IN AN ARTICLE ENTITLED "1976 BICENTENNIAL MAY TRIGGER BOOM" APPEARING IN THE JANUARY 9 WASHINGTON POST, D.C. MAYOR WALTER WASHINGTON IS ATTRIBUTED WITH SAYING THAT GROWING INTEREST IN BICENTENNIAL PLANS REFLECTS A HEALTHY DEVELOPMENT AMONG CITY BUSINESSMEN. IT INDICATES, HE THINKS, THAT COMPANY EXECUTIVES NO LONGER FEAR THE CITY IS DYING. "CALL IT SELF-INTEREST OR WHATEVER," HE SAID, "BUT MORE BUSINESSMEN ARE GETTING INVOLVED."

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ARBC DIRECTOR JACK I. LEVANT LAST WEEK MET WITH GEORGE C. FREEMAN, A DIRECTOR OF BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA, IN A MEETING TO INITIATE A PROGRAM OF INVOLVEMENT OF SOME 60,000 SCOUTS IN THE EFFORTS OF THE BICENTENNIAL. THE PROGRAM IS EXPECTED TO GET UNDER WAY IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE.

PHILADELPHIA MAYOR FRANK RIZZO ON MONDAY, JANUARY 10, APPOINTED A 14-MEMBER COMMITTEE TO FIND ANOTHER SITE FOR THE 1976 EXPOSITION. MAYOR RIZZO, WHO SAID THE COMMITTEE HAD 30 DAYS "TO PROPOSE A WORKABLE SITE," NAMED GIRARD BANK CHAIRMAN STEPHEN S. GARDNER TO HEAD THE PANEL. MR. GARDNER SAID THE GROUP WOULD GIVE "GREAT AND SERIOUS CONSIDERATION TO FAIRMOUNT PARK" IN ITS SEARCH FOR A NEW SITE.

PHILADELPHIA STATE SENATOR BENJAMIN R. DONOLOW HAS ORDERED LEGISLATION DRAWN FOR A REFERENDUM IN PHILADELPHIA IN THE APRIL PRIMARY TO DETERMINE WHETHER AN EXPOSITION SHOULD BE HELD IN THE CITY FOR THE BICENTENNIAL. SENATOR DONOLOW SAID, "I THINK IT IS TIME WE ESTABLISH ONCE AND FOR ALL WHETHER THE PEOPLE OF PHILADELPHIA DO WANT THIS EXPOSITION." DONOLOW HAS NOT TAKEN A PUBLIC POSITION OF THE QUESTION.

ARBC PHILATELIC ADVISORY PANEL CHAIRMAN JOHN C. CHAPIN, SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, HAS ANNOUNCED THE NAMES OF THREE NEW MEMBERS WHO WILL ATTEND THE THIRD BUSINESS MEETING OF THE PANEL AT ARBC HEADQUARTERS ON JANUARY 17. THE NEW APPOINTEES ADD A YOUTH, A WOMAN AND A BLACK TO THE STAMP GROUP. THEY INCLUDE JOHN THOMAS, A BLACK RESIDENT OF NEW YORK CITY (WITH A SPECIAL INTEREST IN PRIMITIVE AND ORIENTAL STAMPS) WHO HAS BEEN ACTIVELY COLLECTING STAMPS FOR 27 YEARS: BARBARA WILLIAMS, A CALIFORNIAN WITH AN INTEREST IN SPORTS AND OLYMPIC STAMPS AND CURRENT PRESIDENT OF SPORTS PHILATELISTS INTERNATIONAL: AND DAVID HALAAS, A SEVENTEEN-YEAR-OLD STAMP COLUMNIST WHO IS A MEMBER OF THE JUNIOR PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF AMERICA AND CREATOR OF USTAMPOLL, AN ANNUAL POLL ON COMMEMORATIVE STAMPS.

THE CHARLOTTESVILLE-ALBEMARLE (VA.) AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION PRESENTED SUPREME COURT JUSTICE LEWIS F. POWELL, JR., WITH A SET OF GOOSE-QUILL PENS AND AN ENGRAVED REPLICA OF FORMER CHIEF JUSTICE JOHN MARSHALL'S INKWELL WHEN HE TOOK OFFICE OF JANUARY 7.

JOE ALBI, A FORMER STATE REPRESENTATIVE FROM DENVER AND PRESIDENT OF THE CASCADE INVESTMENT CO., HAS BEEN NAMED EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE COLORADO CENTENNIAL—BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION. MR. ALBI HAS ANNOUNCED THAT THE COMMISSION WILL SOON TAKE ACTION ON THE SELECTION OF AN OFFICIAL MEDALLION AND COMMEMORATIVE COIN TO SYMBOLIZE COLORADO'S CENTENNIAL.

IN 1976 THE TOWN OF STOUGHTON, MASS. WILL BE 250 YEARS-OLD AND WILL COUPLE THE COMMEMORATION OF THE ANNIVERSARY WITH THE NATIONAL BICENTENNIAL. STOUGHTON PROUDLY BOASTS THAT IT IS THE BIRTHPLACE OF AMERICAN LIBERTY, BASING THIS ON THE FACT THAT ON AUGUST 16, 1774, AT THE DOTY TAVERN IN OLD STOUGHTON THE FIRST FORMAL MEETING WAS HELD TO WRITE THE PRINCIPLES OF AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE. THIS DOCUMENT WAS CARRIED ON HORSEBACK BY PAUL REVERE TO ELECTRIFY A DISCORDANT CONGRESS AT PHILADELPHIA.

ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA'S BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION APPROVED RECENTLY THE USE OF A BAGPIPE BAND FOR OFFICIAL CITY FUNCTIONS AND A WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY "PARADE WITH A PURPOSE." THE COMMISSION UNAMIOUSLY APPROVED THE IDEA OF A BAGPIPE AND DRUM BAND "IN KEEPING WITH ALEXANDRIA'S SCOTS HERITAGE." ON WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY A WALK FROM ALEXANDRIA TO MOUNT VERNON IS DESIGNED TO RAISE MONEY FOR FUTURE BICENTENNIAL ACTIVITIES FOR YOUTH, PARTICULARLY THE CLASSES OF 1974-76.

PRESIDENT MIXON HAS SENT A LETTER TO RALPH BINGHAM, CHAIRMAN OF THE SHENANDOAH (VA.) COUNTY BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE SALUTING THE COUNTY ON THE OBSERVANCE OF ITS 200TH ANNIVERSARY. THE LETTER APPLAUDS THE COUNTY FOR ITS GREAT HERITAGE AND FOR ITS CONSTRUCTIVE CIVIC VALUE. THE LETTER WILL APPEAR IN THE SHEMANDOAH BI-CENTENNIAL MAGAZINE WHICH WILL BE RELEASED MARCH 1. THE COMMEMORATION WILL BE OBSERVED THROUGH 1972 AND EACH TOWN IN THE COUNTY WILL HAVE A MONTH-LONG PROGRAM TO CELEBRATE THE ANNIVERSARY.

MILTON L. WEILENMANN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, UTAH STATE DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND ACTING CHAIRMAN OF THE UTAH BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION INFORMED THE ARBC THAT GOVERNOR CALVIN RAMPTON, AS CHAIRMAN OF THE FOUR CORNERS REGIONAL COMMISSION, HAS GIVEN ASSURANCE THAT THE COMMISSION WILL ALLOCATE FUNDS FOR A FOUR-STATE BICENTENNIAL OBSERVANCE.

VOCATIONAL INDUSTRIAL CLUBS OF AMERICA (VICA) HAS INFORMED THE ARBC THAT THEY, ALONG WITH OTHER VOCATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, HAVE ORGANIZED IN A YOUTH REFORT WHICH INVOLVES A FIVE-YEAR PROGRAM CALLED THE "SPIRIT OF '76." "THIS FIVE-YEAR PROGRAM WAS DEVELOPED OUT OF A CHALLENGE FROM THE WHITE HOUSE FOR US TO INVOLVE 1.5 MILLION YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE APPRECIATION OF AMERICA ON ITS 200TH BIRTHDAY," SAID GARY M. DIEHL, ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF VICA.

THE BERKS COUNTY (PA.) COMMISSIONERS ARE PLANNING TO STUDY THE COUNTY OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION PLAN, WHICH REPRESENTS 16 MONTHS OF RESEARCH AND INCLUDES A RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE PLAN FOR THE CITY OF READING. ACCORDING TO JACOB BOWERS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE COMMISSION, A BIG CONSIDERATION IN THE PLAN IS THE BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION. HENCE, A NUMBER OF PROPOSALS ARE ORIENTED TO GETTING THINGS DONE IN THE NEXT FOUR YEARS TO ENTICE TOURISTS TO BERKS COUNTY.

ASBURY THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY (WILMORE, KY.) LAST MONTH MOVED TO GET IN TUNE WITH THE BICENTENNIAL. THE FACULTY SET UP A COMMISSION: TO PLAN ASBURY'S 1976 CELEBRATION; TO INITIATE HISTORICAL RESEARCH ON THE ROLE OF CHRISTIAN INSTITUTIONS IN NATIONAL GROWTH; AND TO SEEK CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE ASBURY LIBRARY THAT WILL BOOST ITS AMERICAN HISTORY RESOURCES.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR HUGH A. HALL AND DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS DAN BUSER LAST WEEK MET WITH OKLAHOMA GOVERNOR DAVID HALL AND MRS. GLADYS WARREN, CHAIRMAN OF THE OKLAHOMA BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION TO DISCUSS VARIOUS ASPECTS OF THAT STATES ROLE IN THE NATIONAL ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATION. MR. HALL AND MR. BUSER ALSO VISITED OKLAHOMA CHRISTIAN COLLEGE TO TAKE A LOOK AT THE AMERICAN HERITAGE PROGRAM AND A SPECIAL MINI COURSE ON THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE. MR. HALL SAID THAT OCC COULD PLAY A SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN THE STATE'S CELEBRATION.

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE ARBC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WILL BE AT 9:00 A.M., THURSDAY, JANUARY 27, 1972, IN ARBC HEADQUARTERS, WASHINGTON, D.C.



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PRESIDENT NIXON SAID IN HIS STATE OF THE UNION ADDRESS LAST WEEK THAT HE WOULD PROPOSE BOLD NEW PLANS FOR THE PHYSICAL AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT OF WASHINGTON, D.C. AS PART OF THE NATION'S BICENTENNIAL. "IN THIS AND OTHER WAYS WE WILL MAKE THAT CELEBRATION BOTH A FITTING COMMEMORATION OF OUR REVOLUTIONARY ORIGINS AND A BOLD FURTHER STEP TO FULFILL THEIR PROMISE," THE PRESIDENT TOLD CONGRESS.

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THE BALTIMORE SUR REPORTED LAST WEEK THAT PLANNING HAS BEGUN FOR BALTIMORE'S 1976
NATIONAL BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION WITH INDICATIONS THAT CITY FATHERS WILL PUSH FOR
COMPLETION OF THE SHOWCASE INNER HARBOR PHASE I AND PARTS OF THE DOWNTOWN METRO CENTER
BY THAT TIME. MAYOR SCHAEFER HAS ANNOUNCED THAT WALTER S. ORLINSKY, CITY COUNCIL
PRESIDENT, WILL COORDINATE THE CITY'S BICENTENNIAL EFFORTS. MR. ORLINSKY STATED HE
PLANS TO MAKE THE CELEBRATION IN BALTIMORE "A YEAR-LONG CITY FAIR" WITH PARTICIPATION
OF BOTH LOCAL ETHNIC GROUPS AND THEIR NATIONAL COUNTERPARTS.

ARBC PHILATELIC ADVISORY PANEL CHAIRMAN JOHN C. CHAPIN, SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, ANNOUNCED THAT AT THE THIRD BUSINESS MEETING ON JANUARY 17, PANELIST FRED KOROTKIN REVEALED THAT THE AMERICAN UNIT OF THE AMERICAN TOPICAL ASSOCIATION IS PREPARING A WORLD-WIDE LIST OF STAMP ISSUES RELATING TO THE BICENTENMIAL. PANELIST JAQUES MINKUS DISCUSSED THE BOOK HE IS PUBLISHING ON PEOPLE AND PLACES THAT HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THE AMERICAN HERITAGE.

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THE YORK COUNTY (VA.) CITIZEN'S GROUP TO PLAN THE BICENTENNIAL IN COORDINATION WITH THE VIRGINIA PENINSULA ACTION TEAM (P-BAT) HELD AN ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING ON JANUARY 19. THE ROLE OF P-BAT IS TO STIR LOCAL INTEREST IN THE BICENTENNIAL. ORGANIZATION AT THE COUNTY LEVEL IS PLANNED TO INVOLVE YOUTH AND WOMEN GROUPS, THE MILITARY, CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS AND BUSINESSMEN, CHURCHES, TOWN TRUSTEES, THE PARK SERVICE AND MINORITY GROUPS.

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ARBC MEMBER, DR. PAUL SMITH, RECENTLY TOLD A CALIFORNIA GROUP, "THE BEST WAY TO PROFIT FROM THE OCCASION OF OUR 200TH BIRTHDAY IS TO MAKE A CHECKLIST OF WHAT WE ARE, WHAT WE HAVE, WHERE WE HAVE BEEN, AND WHERE WE NEED TO GO." DR. SMITH CONTINUED, "WHEN PEOPLE THINK OF 1776, THEY NORMALLY CONCENTRATE ON PLACES LIKE PHILADELPHIA AND WASHINGTON, D.C. WE MUST REMEMBER THAT LOTS OF THINGS WERE GOING ON IT CALIFORNIA WHEN THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE WAS SIGNED."

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THE ROSE BOWL PARADE FLOAT REPRESENTING THE CITY OF MONTEBELLO (CALIF.) ENTITLED "A SALUTE TO 1976 - 200TH BIRTHDAY" DEPICTED THE AMERICAN FLAG AND WAS MADE FROM FLOWERS FROM EVERY STATE IN THE UNION. THE GOVERNORS OF ALL FIFTY STATES RESPONDED TO THE CITY'S INVITATION TO SEND A REPRESENTATIVE STATE FLOWER. MONTANA'S GOVERNOR, FORKEST ALL SELECTION OF ALL PROJECT WITH HIS STATE'S CONTRIBUTION, SCATE PRESSED BITTER ROOT, A SPRING BLOOMING MOUNTAIN WILD FLOWER. "THERE HAVE BEEN TOO MANY FLAG BURNINGS AND UP-SIDEDOWN FLAGS," CHAIRMAN DENTON GUTHRIE OF THE MONTEBELLO FLOAT COMMITTEE SAID. "WE WANT TO SHOW EVERYBODY WHAT A TRULY GRAND OLD FLAG IT HAS BEEN FOR THE LAST 196 YEARS AND WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO ITS 20QTH BIRTHDAY IN 1976."

TWO TEENAGERS HAVE BEEN PROPOSED BY THE TOWN SUPERVISOR AS MEMBERS FOR THE OYSTER BAY (N.Y.) ARBC. IF APPROVED THE YOUTHS WILL JOIN THE 14-MEMBER COMMISSION CHAIRED BY DOROTHY HORTON MCGEE OF LOCUST VALLEY, N.Y. ONE OF THE YOUTHS IS AN AMERICAN HISTORY BUFF AND WAS MOTIVATED BY SUMMER EMPLOYMENT AT THE BETHAGE VILLAGE RESTORATION PROJECT.

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WINTERSET, IOWA (MADISON COUNTY) FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA HAVE ESTABLISHED A PROGRAM OF BEAUTIFICATION FOR THE COUNTY. THE PROGRAM, CALLED "ROUTE 76" CAN BE IDENTIFIED BY THE INTERSTATE ROAD SIGN IN RED, WHITE, AND BLUE, WHICH THE GROUP HAS ADOPTED AS ITS LOGO. TO DATE THE FFA HAVE TORN DOWN SIX WOOD FRAME BUILDINGS THAT WERE EYE SORES TO WINTERSET; CLEANED UP MILES OF COUNTY HIGHWAY, AN EFFORT WHICH WILL CONTINUE THROUGH 1976; MOVED ONE ABANDONED AUTO OFF THE ROADWAY TO THE JUNK YARD. THE IOWA STATE COMMISSION UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF BOB DILLON, CHAIRMAN, AND KEN FULK, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, IS ENCOURAGING THE STATE FFA TO ADOPT A SIMILAR PROGRAM IN ALL IOWA COUNTIES.

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REPRESENTATIVES OF THE DENVER OLYMPIC COMMITTEE WITH COLORADO GOVERNOR JOHN LOVE ARE ATTENDING THE WINTER OLYMPIC GAMES IN SAPPORO, JAPAN. THE GROUP WILL MEET WITH THE INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE TO REPORT PROGRESS IN PLANNING, SITE SELECTION, ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH AND THE FINANCIAL OUTLOOK FOR THE '76 WINTER GAMES IN DENVER. MEANWHILE, IT HAS BEEN REPORTED THAT ANOTHER GROUP CALLING ITSELF "CITIZENS FOR COLORADO'S FUTURE (CCF), A RECENTLY ORGANIZED OPPOSITION COMMITTEE, TENTATIVELY PLANS TO SEND ITS OWN DELEGRATION TO SAPPORO TO TRY TO CONVINCE THE IOC THE GAMES ARE NOT WANTED IN COLORADO. CCF HAD WRITTEN IOC CHAIRMAN AVERY BRUNDAGE SEEKING A MEETING TO EXPRESS ITS VIEWS, BUT THE CORRESPONDENCE DATED JANUARY 13, HAS NOT BEEN ANSWERED.

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THE ASSOCIATION OF GENERAL CONTRACTORS OF AMERICA, INC., WHOSE MEMBERSHIP EXCEEDS 9,000 BUILDING CONTRACTING COMPANIES IS CONSIDERING ENLARGING THEIR "BUILD A BEAUTI-FUL AMERICA PROGRAM" TO BE A BICENTENNIAL PROJECT. THEY HAVE INVITED THE ARBC TO AQUAINT THEIR MEMBERSHIP WITH THE GOALS OF THE BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION AT THE NEXT CONVENTION OF THE ASSOCIATION, MARCH 3-9, IN HOUSTON. THE CONTRACTORS REPRESENT ANOTHER ASSOCIATION WHO ARE GETTING INVOLVED.

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THE VIRGINIA INDEPENDENCE BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION HAS APPROVED A DEBATE TOURNA-MENT AT WILLIAMSBURG AMONG HIGH SCHOOL DEBATERS FROM THE 13 ORIGINAL COLONIES AS PART OF THE NATIONAL BICENTENNIAL COMMEMORATION.

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THE SOUTH DAKOTA BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION AT THEIR RECENT MEETING REVIVED A PROPOSAL TO PLACE AN IMPRINT OF THE MOUNT RUSHMORE MEMORIAL ON THE \$2 BILL IF THE U.S. TREASURY DECIDES TO REDEVELOP THIS NOW OBSOLETE DENOMINATION. THE COMMISSION FEELS THAT THE SUGGESTION WOULD FIT INTO THE PATTERN OF EVENTS SCHEDULED FOR MOUNT RUSHMORE'S BICENTENNIAL OBSERVANCE. THEY STATED THAT IT WOULD BE PROPER RECOGNITION NATIONALLY OF THE MEMORIAL'S SIGNIFICANCE AS PART OF THE AMERICAN SCENE.

A RECENT EDITORIAL APPEARING IN THE BUFFALO (N.Y.) NEWS ON THE BICENTENNIAL AND THE RECENT SELECTION OF RIAGARA FALLS AS A BICENTENNIAL CITY STATED: "SINCE THE INVITATION IS OUT TO ALL COMMUNITIES TO PLAN THEIR OWN SUITABLE EVENTS, WHY SHOULDN'T BUFFALO AND ERIE COUNTY SET ABOUT WITH SOME CIVIC BARRSTORMING - NOT TO COMPETE WITH NIAGARA FALLS, BUT TO FOCUS ON THIS REGION'S HISTORIC ROLE AS A CANAL ERA GATEWAY TO THE WEST, ITS KEY LOCATION ON THE WORLD'S LONGEST STRETCH OF UNDEFENDED INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY, OR ITS SIGNIFICANT FARLY ROLE IN THE AIR AGE? OR JUST AS APPROPRIATELY, WHY NOT SOME BRAINSTORMING BY A SUITABLE CITY-COUNTY COMMITTEE OF CITIZENS TO EXPLORE CURRENT METROPOLITIAN SELF-IMPROVEMENT GOALS OR CIVIC CONTRIBUTIONS - THAT MIGHT MARK BUFFALO AS A FOCAL POINT IN A NATIONAL REDEDICATION TO ADVANCEMENT IN THE QUALITY OF LIFE?" THAT'S THE SPIRIT, BUFFALO NEWS!



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PRESIDENT NIXON, STATE OF THE UNION ADDRESS, JANUARY 20, 1972:

"FOUR YEARS FROM NOW, AMERICA WILL CELEBRATE THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF ITS FOUNDING AS A NATION. THERE ARE SOME WHO SAY THAT THE OLD SPIRIT OF '76 IS DEAD--THAT WE NO LONGER HAVE THE STRENGTH OF CHARACTER, THE IDEALISM, THE FAITH IN OUR FOUNDING PURPOSES, THAT THAT SPIRIT REPRESENTS.

"THOSE WHO SAY THIS DO NOT KNOW AMERICA."

ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 25, H.R. 7987, COSPONSORED BY CONG. WIDNALL, PATMAN AND SULLIVAN, ARBC LEGISLATION AUTHORIZING BICENTENNIAL MEDALS TO BE STRUCK BY THE U.S. MINT WAS REPORTED OUT FAVORABLY BY THE FULL HOUSE BANKING COMMITTEE. FAST ACTION IS ANTICIPATED IN THE SENATE. ALSO ON TUESDAY, S. 1857 (SPONSORED BY ARBC MEMBER, SENATOR ED BROOKE), THE ARBC AUTHORIZATION WAS REPORTED OUT FAVORABLY BY THE FULL HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE. ACTION ON THE HOUSE FLOOR IS EXPECTED BY MID-FEBRUARY.

AT THE ARBC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING ON JANUARY 27, IT WAS DECIDED TO SCHEDULE CONSIDERATION OF THE SICKLE CELL ANEMIA DISEASE PROJECT AT THE NEXT FULL COMMISSION MEETING FOLLOWING DISCUSSIONS WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE.

ALSO, AT THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION CHAIRMAN HELEN BENTLEY OUTLINED HER COMMISSION'S PROPOSAL FOR A FLOATING MARITIME DISPLAY UTILIZING MOBILE MARITIME PAVILLIONS FOR THE BICENTENNIAL. CHAIRMAN BENTLEY WILL MAKE A FORMAL PRESENTATION AT THE FULL COMMISSION MEETING NEXT MONTH.

ARBC DIRECTOR JACK I. LEVANT ANNOUNCED AT THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING THAT PLANS ARE WELL UNDER WAY FOR THE INVOLVEMENT OF 6 AND 1/4 MILLION BOY SCOUTS IN BICENTENNIAL PARTICIPATION. DIRECTOR LEVANT STATED THAT A BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE IS BEING FORMED BY THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA AND THAT A COMPARABLE COMMITTEE WILL BE SET UP BY THE ARBC TO WORK WITH THE BOY SCOUTS.

JOSEPH B. DANZANSKY, FORMER METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON, D.C. BOARD OF TRADE CHAIRMAN AND PRESIDENT OF GIANT FOOD, INC., SAID IN WASHINGTON LAST WEEK THAT A RALLYING POINT FOR AN UPSURGE IN COMMUNITY SPIRIT OUGHT TO BE THE NATIONAL BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION. HE SAID THE MAYOR'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE, TOGETHER WITH THE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS, BUSINESS AND THE WHITE HOUSE COULD MAKE 1976 A TURNING POINT IN THE CITY'S ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL HISTORY: "IF WE START NOW AND DEVELOP A PLAN FOR THE BICENTENNIAL, IT COULD BE A BLUEPRINT FOR OUR SALVATION AS A CITY," HE CONCLUDED.

VIRGINIA DELEGATE GEORGE N. MCMATH (ACCOMACK) HAS INTRODUCED A BILL TO MAKE THE COLORS OF VIRGINIA LICENSE PLATES RED, WHITE AND BLUE "TO ADD A BIT OF PATRIOTISM" FOR THE NATIONAL BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION. THE LEGISLATION WOULD CHANGE THE PLATE COLORS FOR 1973.

THE DES MOINES REGISTER RECENTELY REPORTED THAT THE IOWA LEGISLATURE WILL PROBABLY HAVE TO APPROPRIATE \$6 MILLION OVER THE NEXT FOUR YEARS AS THE STATE'S SHARE FOR THE PROPOSED WORLD FOOD EXPO FOR THE BICENTENNIAL. KENNETH FULK, SECRETARY OF THE IOWA ARBC BRIEFED LAWMAKERS ON THE PROPOSED ESTIMATE. MR. FULK SAID THE PROJECTED TOTAL EXPENDITURE FOR THE PROJECT IS \$98.7 MILLION.

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THE ARBC OF MICHIGAN CITY, INDIANA ISSUED ITS FIRST OFFICIAL REPORT THIS MONTH BY ITS CHAIRMAN, DR. JAMES E. LANDING. ITS POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS EMBRACE POSSIBLE COMMUNITY PROJECTS RANGING FROM CIVIL CITY CREATION OF MINI-PARKS AT SELECTED HISTORICAL SITES, ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL HISTORICAL PUBLICATIONS AND MATERIALS, TO THE PREPARATION OF SPECIAL PROGRAMS WITH BICENTENNIAL THEMES BY LOCAL SOCIETIES, INSTITUTIONS AND GROUPS.

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W. ANTHONY PARK, THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF IDAHO, HAS INVITED THE IDAHO STATE COMMISSION ON ARTS AND HUMANITIES TO SIT IN AN ADVISORY CAPACITY TO THE IDAHO BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION. THE OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVES OF THIS GROUP INCLUDE ARTHUR L. TROUTNER, CHAIRMAN, AND SUZANNE D. TAYLOR, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT IS A KEY PART OF THE CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA., OBSERVANCE OF THE NATIONAL BICENTENNIAL, SAYS MICHAEL GLEASON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE CHARLOTTESVILLE-ALBEMARLE BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION. "THIS IS EVERYONE'S CELE-BRATION," SAID GLEASON IN A RECENT INTERVIEW FOR THE RICHMOND NEWS LEADER, "AND I WANT TO ESTABLISH SUBCOMMITTEES REPRESENTATIVE OF VARIOUS GROUPS-YOUTH, CHURCHES, MINORITY GROUPS, BUSINESS PEOPLE, CIVIC GROUPS AND OTHER-TO MAKE

RECOMMENDATIONS AS TO HOW WE SHOULD CELEBRATE." AT 26, GLEASON IS BELIEVED TO BE ONE OF THE YOUNGEST LOCAL DIRECTORS OF THE BICENTENNIAL IN THE COUNTRY.

IN VIRGINTA GOVERNOR LINWOOD HOLTON'S BUDGET FOR THE YEAR IS A RECOMMENDED \$427,660 APPROPRIATION FOR THE VIRGINIA INDEPENDENCE BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION, AS WELL AS ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE PRESERVATION OF THE STATE'S HISTORY.

CONGRESSMAN FRED SCHWENGEL (IOWA), PRESIDENT OF THE U.S. CAPITOL HISTORICAL SOCIETY, WITH CONGRESSMAN HENRY S. REUSS (WISC.), HAS PROPOSED A SOUND AND LIGHT SHOW AT THE CAPITOL BUILDING TO ENCHANT TOURISTS LIKE SIMILAR SHOWS IN SOME OF EUROPE'S EXCITING CITIES. CONG. SCHWENGEL SAID IN A RECENT INTERVIEW THAT HE BELIEVED A PRODUCTION COULD BE PREPARED FOR THE BICENTENNIAL.

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ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 21, ARBC DIRECTOR JACK I. LEVANT ATTENDED A FORMAL MEETING OF THE FLORIDA BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION IN MIAMI. ON THE FIRST OCCASION THAT THE STATE BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION, THE MIAMI THIRD CENTURY USA, INC. AND THE INTERAMA AUTHORITIES MET TOGETHER, DIRECTOR LEVANT BRIEFED THOSE IN ATTENDANCE ON THE NATIONAL BICENTENNIAL PLANS AND TOURED WITH THE GROUP THE INTERAMA SITE WHICH IS A BEAUTIFUL AREA IN NORTH MIAMI BEACH AND A POTENTIAL CENTER FOR BICENTENNIAL ACTIVITIES.

THE GRANITE STATE VACTIONER, A NEW HAMPSHIRE RECREATION NEWSPAPER SERVING SIX RECREATIONAL REGIONS YEAR-ROUND, HAS ANNOUNCED A "FIRST" IN RELATION TO THE BICENTENNIAL COMMEMORATION. A REGULAR COLUMN FEATURE BY WRITER FRED JAY WILL BE CARRIED BY THE VACTIONER PUBLICIZING PLANS, EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES IN ALL 50 STATES, IN COORDINATION WITH THE ARBC.

ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE WITH THE NATIONAL CATHOLIC NEWS SERVICE TO PROVIDE BICENTENNIAL STORIES TO ITS VARIOUS CATHOLIC MEDIA. ARBC'S OFFICE OF COMMUNICATION WILL PROVIDE NEWS RELEASES, PERSONALITY STORIES AND FEATURE ARTICLES DIRECTLY RELATED TO AMERICAN CATHOLICS AND THEIR INVOLVEMENT IN THE BICENTENNIAL.



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THE NEXT MEETING OF THE FULL ARBC WILL BE ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21, IN WASHINGTON, D.C. ON THE FOLLOWING DAYS, TUES. & WED., FEB. 22-23, THE NATIONAL BICENTENNIAL CONFERENCE (50 STATES MEETING) FOR THE GOVERNORS AND BICENTENNIAL COMMISSIONS OF THE 50 STATES, THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, PUERTO RICO AND THE TERRITORIES WILL CONVENE IN WASHINGTON.

THE RHODE ISLAND BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION'S SUBCOMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS CELE-BRATIONS HEADED BY REV. TERRELLE B. CRUM OF BARRINGTON COLLEGE AND RABBI THEODORE LEWIS OF TOURO SYNAGOGUE HAS RECOMMENDED CREATION OF A STATE INTER-FAITH BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE, REPRESENTING ALL RELIGIONS, THAT MIGHT ARRANGE SPECIAL SERVICES, BOTH INTERFAITH AND DENOMINATIONAL, TO BE HELD DURING 1976. "WE WOULD ENCOURAGE STRESS TO BE PUT UPON THE RELIGIOUS CONTRIBUTIONS TO FREEDOM IN THE PRESENT AS WELL AS IN COLONIAL TIMES," THE SUBCOMMITTEE SAID LAST WEEK.

ON FEBRUARY 1, A HOUSE PUBLIC WORKS SUBCOMMITTEE APPROVED A MEASURE THAT WOULD AUTHORIZE CONSTRUCTION OF A CONVENTION CENTER-SPORTS ARENA COMPLEX AT MOUNT VERNON SQUARE IN WASHINGTON, D.C. CONGRESSMAN KENNETH J. GRAY (ILL.), SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, SAID THE FACILITIES WOULD BE NAMED THE DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER BICENTENNIAL CENTER. "WE HOPE IT WILL BE READY IN TIME FOR THE 1976 BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION," SAID CONGRESSMAN GRAY, WHO COSPONSORED THE MEASURE WITH CONGRESSMAN JOEL TO. BROYHILL (VA.).

THE STACKPOLE COMPANY, AN AFFILIATE OF COMMONWEALTH COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES, INC., HARRISBURG, PA., HAS JUST PUBLISHED A BOOK ENTITLED "HOW TO PLAN AND CONDUCT A BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION" BY ADELE GUTMAN NATHAN. THE COVER STATES "FOR SCHOOLS, CLUBS, CIVIC AND COMMUNITY GROUPS--STEP-BY-STEP, COMPLETE DETAILS ON DRAMATIZING AMERICA'S 200TH ANNIVERSARY IN VIGNETTES, PARADES, HAPPENINGS, PAGEANTS."

LAST WEEK IT WAS ANNOUNCED THAT THE WASHINGTON, D.C. AREA SUBWAY AGENCY HAS DECIDED TO STEP UP ITS WORK SCHEDULE SO THAT METRO SERVICE TO NATIONAL AIRPORT AND RFK STADIUM WILL BE OPERATING IN TIME FOR BICENTENNIAL ACTIVITIES IN 1976. METRO GENERAL MANAGER JACKSON GRAHAM SAID THE STEP-UP IS NEEDED "IN ORDER TO MEET THE ADMINISTRATION'S GOAL IN SUPPORT OF THE BICENTENNIAL PROGRAM AND HAVE MUCH OF THE METRO SYSTEM IN OPERATION AS POSSIBLE."

ON MONDAY, JANUARY 31, GEORGE H. EBNER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE PENNSYLVANIA BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION ADDRESSED THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL OF NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA ALONG WITH DANIEL S. BUSER, ARBC DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS, WHO DISCUSSED NATIONAL PLANS. IN SUMMING UP ON THE COMMITMENT THE BICENTENNIAL DEMANDS, MR. EBNER RELATED THE STORY OF THE CHICKEN AND PIG WALKING DOWN THE ROAD AND COMING UPON A CAFE ADVERTISEMENT THAT READ "HAM AND EGGS, 79¢." THE CHICKEN ASKED, "WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THAT?" "NOT MUCH," REPLIED THE PIG, "AFTER ALL IT'S ONLY A CONTRIBUTION FROM YOU, BUT A TOTAL COMMITMENT FROM ME."

CONGRATULATIONS TO ARBC CHAIRMAN DAVID J. MAHONEY, WHO BECAME THE FIRST RECIPIENT OF THE JOSEPH WHARTON MEDAL PRESENTED ON THE OCCASION OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE WHARTON GRADUATE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS, UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA ON FEBRUARY 1. AT THE DINNER CHAIRMAN MAHONEY ASKED THE NATION'S ENTIRE BUSINESS COMMUNITY TO GET BEHIND THE COMMISSION BY ADOPTING COMMITMENTS AND CONTRIBUTING PROGRAMS TO THE BICENTENNIAL. CHAIRMAN MAHONEY WAS ALSO HONORED RECENTLY WITH ADVERTISING AGE'S MAN OF THE YEAR AWARD.

IN HONOR OF THE APPROACHING BICENTENNIAL, THE BALTIMORE CUSTOM HOUSE WAS RECENTLY DECLARED "AN HISTORIC CUSTOM HOUSE" IN A DEDICATION CEREMONY. PRAISING THE MOVE FOR PRESERVATION WERE KEY SPEAKERS U.S. CUSTOMS COMMISSIONER MYLES J. AMBROSE AND MRS. HELEN DELICH BENTLEY, CHAIRMAN OF THE FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION.

IN A PUBLIC POLL IN PHILADELPHIA LAST WEEK THE INQUIRER ASKED, "IS EASTWICK A GOOD SITE FOR THE BICENTENNIAL (EXPO)?" THE RESULTING PHONE CALLS SHOWED 73% IN FAVOR, WHILE 27% OPPOSED. A SIMILAR POLL RECENTLY ON FAIRMONT PARK WAS NEARLY REVERSED.

A RECENT EDITORIAL APPEARING IN THE RAPID CITY (S.D.) JOURNAL STATES: "DOZENS AND EVENTUALLY THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE, INDIANS INCLUDED, WILL BE ASKED TO BECOME INVOLVED IN THE 1976 OBSERVANCE... THE BICENTENNIAL IS TO BE AN ALL-AMERICAN CELEBRATION STEEPED DEEPLY IN HISTORY... IT IS A FACT THAT ALMOST 200 YEARS HAVE PASSED SINCE THE UNITED STATES FORMED A GOVERNMENT. LONG AGO IT STOPPED DEALING WITH THE INDIANS BY WAY OF TREATIES THAT WERE BROKEN. IF THE BICENTENNIAL OBSERVANCE CANNOT BE DEVELOPED TO SHOW WE ARE MOVING EVER CLOSER TOGETHER AS A NATION OF ALL RACES AND COLORS, IT WILL MISS ITS MARK."

NEW YORK STATE SENATOR DALWIN J. NILES (JOHNSTOWN) A MEMBER OF THE NEW YORK ARBC, HAS INTRODUCED A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION IN COOPERATION WITH THE STATE OF GEORGIA DIRECTING THE GOVERNOR AND THE NEW YORK BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION "TO AID IN THE REMOVAL OF THE REMAINS OF REVOLUTIONARY PATRIOT WILLIAM FEW FROM NEW YORK TO THE STATE OF GEORGIA." COLONEL FEW WAS A PATRIOT WHO SERVED IN THE LEGISLATURES OF BOTH STATES, WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN THE REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT AND WAS IN THE FOREFRONT NATIONALLY WHILE A CITIZEN AND A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA.

MRS. JANE ELLIOTT, A RICEVILLE, IOWA, ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEACHER, AND HER THIRD GRADERS ARE PLANNING A BICENTENNIAL PARK ON A SMALL SITE IN THE CENTER OF TOWN. THEY'RE HOPING THAT THEIR BICENTENNIAL EFFORTS WILL BE A CONTRIBUTION TO THE ENVIRONMENT AS WELL AS THE NATIONAL PROGRAM.

A BICENTENNIAL POETRY ANTHOLOGY INCLUDING WORKS BY CHICANOS, AMERICAN INDIANS, BLACKS, YOUTH, AND THE ELDERLY IS BEING PLANNED BY A TEACHER AT ANTIOCH COLLEGE AND A CALIFORNIA HEALTH WORKER. THEIR ANTHOLOGY WOULD BE DIVIDED INTO SECTIONS --HERITAGE, OPEN HOUSE, AND HORIZONS.

"TREES FROM THE NATION'S HISTORY" IS BEING CONSIDERED AS A NATIONAL FOREST PRODUCTS ASSOCIATION BICENTENNIAL THEME. SEEDS FROM TREES AT LEAST 200 YEARS OLD AND IDENTIFIED AS "OF HISTORICAL INTEREST" WOULD BE GATHERED AND THROUGH THE DEPARTMENTS OF AGRICULTURE AND INTERIOR WOULD BE DISTRIBUTED TO STATE FORESTERS WHO, IN TURN, WOULD DISTRIBUTE THEM TO BOY SCOUTS, GIRLS SCOUTS AND OTHER APPROPRIATE GROUPS FOR PLANTING. A "HOW-TO-DO-IT" PLANTING HANDBOOK WOULD ACCOMPANY THE SEEDS.

ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, THE FULL HOUSE PASSED BY A 387-1 VOTE THE ARBC'S MEDAL'S LEGISLATION, H.R. 7987. THE BILL NOW GOES TO THE SENATE FOR FURTHER ACTION.



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THE FULL ARBC COMMISSION MEETING WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21, AT 9:00 A.M. IN THE PAN AMERICAN HEALTH ORGANIZATION BUILDING, ROOM B. ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, THE FIFTY STATES NATIONAL BICENTENNIAL CONFERENCE WILL CONVENE AT 9:00 A.M., AT THE WASHINGTON HILTON HOTEL. CHAIRMAN MAHONEY WILL REPORT ON THE CURRENT STATUS OF THE ARBC IN A KICKOFF SPEECH. ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, THE CONFERENCE WILL RECONVENE AT 9:00 A.M. AND WILL INCLUDE A KEYNOTE SPEECH BY MR. PAT DODSON, CHAIRMAN OF THE FLORIDA ARBC.

ARBC COMMUNICATIONS CHAIRMAN JAMES COPLEY HAS ANNOUNCED THAT HIS COMMITTEE AND STAFF HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT ON A SPECIAL BICENTENNIAL ARTICLE THAT WILL APPEAR IN THE FEBRUARY 28 ISSUE AVAILABLE ON NEWSSTANDS NEXT WEEK. THE ARTICLE INCLUDES A CHART SHOWING PLANS AND PROJECTS IN ALL FIFTY STATES.

THE HOUSE LAST WEEK BY A 329 TO 36 VOTE PASSED THE ARBC AUTHORIZATION, S.1857. THE BILL NOW GOES TO THE SENATE FOR ACTION.

"THE BICENTENNIAL ERA, I AM CONVINCED, IS THE RIGHT TIME FOR WASHINGTON TO GAIN A NEW AND MORE EXPANSIVE SENSE OF ITSELF AND TO FIND IN ITS DUAL IDENTITY AN OPPORTUNITY FOR DUAL EXCELLENCE UNPARALLELED AMONG AMERICAN CITIES," PRESIDENT NIXON OBSERVED ON FEBRUARY 4 IN OUTLINING HIS ACTION PLAN FOR THE CAPITAL'S 1976 COMMEMORATION, AND HE ADDED: "THE SEAT OF GOVERNMENT CAN EXCEL AS AN EXEMPLARY LIVING CITY, AT THE SAME TIME THE HOME OF 750,000 LOCAL RESIDENTS EXCELS AS A GRACIOUS HOST TO FELLOW CITIZENS AND FOREIGN VISITORS WHO MAY NUMBER 40 MILLION DURING 1976 ALONE."

THE PRESIDENT OF BRYN MAWR COLLEGE IN PHILADELPHIA, HARRIS WOFFORD, HAS ANNOUNCED A BICENTENNIAL PROGRAM CONSISTING OF A SERIES OF SEMINARS, SYMPOSIA AND CONFERENCES COVERING THE NEXT FIVE YEARS TO INVESTIGATE "HOW OUR COUNTRY HAS SUCCEEDED OR FAILED TO CARRY OUT OBJECTIVES OF THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE AND THE BILL OF RIGHTS." SOME OF THE "1976 STUDIES PROGRAM" WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. A REPORT ON FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS WILL BE MADE IN 1976.

THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION PLANS TO OPEN A NEW HALL OF AMERICAN MARITIME ENTERPRISE IN TIME FOR THE BICENTENNIAL. FUNDS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE HALL, WHICH WILL COST ABOUT \$1.5 MILLION, ARE BEING SOUGHT FROM INDIVIDUAL DONORS AND MARITIME ORGANIZATIONS. A HIGHLIGHT OF THE NEW HALL, WHICH WILL DEPICT "THE IMPORTANCE TO AMERICA OF THE SEA, THE LAKES AND THE RIVERS FROM COLONIAL DAYS TO THE PRESENT," WILL BE A COMPLETELY EQUIPPED ENGINE ROOM OF A SMALL STEAM VESSEL.

LAST WEEK SOME 5,000 BOY SCOUTS, CUBS AND EXPLORERS BETWEEN THE AGES OF EIGHT AND 80 PARTICIPATED IN THE CINCINNATI TRI-COUNTY AREA'S "EXPO '76" TO AQUAINT THE PUBLIC WITH THE WIDE RANGE OF ACTIVITIES THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA HAS TO OFFER. THIS WAS THE THIRD OF THE SCOUT'S THUNDERCLOUD DISTRICT'S FIVE ANNUAL PROGRAMS THAT WILL CULMINATE WITH THE COMMEMORATION OF THE BICENTENNIAL.

THE IOWA AMERICAN REVOLUTION BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION HAS HIRED PHAENE HIBBS OF CHARITON AS ITS FIRST FIELD REPRESENTATIVE. COMMISSION CHAIRMAN ROBERT DILLON SAID MR. HIBBS WILL VISIT ALL IOWA COMMUNITIES TO ENCOURAGE LOCAL COMMITTEES TO PLAN BICENTENNIAL PROGRAMS. MR. HIBBS WILL ALSO ACT AS A CLEARINGHOUSE FOR PROGRAM DATES AND IDEAS ON THE COMMEMORATION.

THE CONNECTICUT ARBC HAS VOTED TO SEEK A FEASIBILITY STUDY OF THE ESTABLISH-MENT OF A STATE HISTORICAL MUSEUM AS A PERMANENT CONTRIBUTION TO THE NATIONAL BICENTENNIAL IN CONNECTICUT. COMMISSION CHAIRMAN ERIC HATCH STATED THAT ITS TWO LEGISLATIVE MEMBERS, SENATOR JAY JACKSON AND REPRESENTATIVE ROBERT ORCUTT WOULD INTRODUCE LEGISLATION AUTHORIZING THE FEASIBILITY STUDY.

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY'S AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION SERVICE HAS INITIATED A PROJECT DUBBED "3.76 IN '76." CARRIED OUT IN COOPERATION WITH BOTH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE AGRICULTURAL AGENCIES THROUGHOUT THE STATE, IT IS DESIGNED TO INCREASE AGRICULTURAL INCOME BY \$1 BILLION IN 1976 AS WELL AS LAYING DOWN GUIDELINES FOR IMPROVING FOOD QUALITY.

LAST WEEK THE HOUSE SUPPORTED UNANIMOUSLY A RESOLUTION TO HOLD THE 1976 OLYMPICS IN DENVER.

PROLOGUE: THE JOURNAL OF THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES WILL PUBLISH A SPECIAL BICENTENNIAL ISSUE IN THE FALL 1972 AND INVITES INTERESTED PERSONS TO SUBMIT ARTICLES ON THE REVOLUTIONARY PERIOD FOR CONSIDERATION. RESEARCH FOR SUCH ARTICLES WOULD NOT HAVE TO BE BASED PRIMARILY ON THE RECORDS OF THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS SERVICE. MANUSCRIPTS SHOULD BE SENT TO HERMAN J. VIOLA, NATIONAL ARCHIVES BUILDING, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20408.

A WASHINGTON POST EDITORIAL COMMENTING ON THE ADMISTRATION'S D.C. BI-CENTENNIAL MESSAGE STATED: "IN CALLING FOR A VAST PACKAGE OF NEW CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS COSTING SOME "150 MILLION (NOT TO MENTION PLANS ALREADY ENDORSED FOR RIOT-CORRIDOR RENEWAL AND COMPLETION OF THE FEDERAL TRIANGLE), MR. NIXON HAS HAMMERED HOME THE NEED FOR SPEED AND COOPERATION TO MEET THE HISTORIC-AND INFLEXIBLE-DEADLINE ON WHICH EVERYTHING NOW HINGES. . . ALL OF US WHO HAVE BEEN BEHIND THE DREAM OF DOING GREAT THINGS FOR THIS CITY IN TIME FOR THE NATION'S 200TH BIRTHDAY MUST FIND RENEWED DETERMINATION TO MAKE THEM HAPPEN NOW THAT WE ARE ASSURED OF DEEP COMMITMENT FROM THE WHITE HOUSE."

RECENTLY THE DAYTON (OHIO) JOURNAL HERALD REPORTED THAT A PRIVATE, NON-PROFIT DAYTON FIRM, LET'S PROMOTE AMERICA, INC. ASSISTED BY ADVICE FROM THE OHIO ARBC, IS PUTTING TOGETHER A TRAVELING EXHIBIT THAT WILL TOUR THE COUNTRY PRECEDING THE OPENING OF THE BICENTENNIAL YEAR. :

IN THE FIRST MEETING OF THE ADVISORY COUNCIL OF THE CONNECTICUT ARBC RECENTLY GOVERNOR THOMAS J. MESKILL TOLD BICENTENNIAL PLANNERS: "I AM SURE THAT NONE OF YOU HAS JOINED IN THIS BICENTENNIAL EFFORT WITH THE IDEA THAT IT WILL CONSIST SOLELY OF PLANNING AND STAGING A BIG PARADE OR SOMETHING OF THE SORT. THERE IS WIDESPREAD AGREEMENT, ALL OVER THE COUNTRY, THAT IF WE ARE GOING TO DO NO MORE THAN THAT FOR THE BICENTENNIAL, WE MAY AS WELL FORGET IT."

CONGRATULATIONS TO DR. CHARLES E. PERRY, PRESIDENT OF FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY AND A MEMBER OF THE FLORIDA ARBC, WHO WAS RECENTLY HONORED BY THE U.S. JAYCEES AS ONE OF AMERICA'S 10 OUTSTANDING YOUNG MEN FOR 1971.

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A major plan for a network of Bicentennial Parks, built on Federal Surplus land or otherwise donated land, was unveiled today by the ARBC at its first full Commission meeting of the year. Under the plan, the Bicentennial Park would serve as the focal point of that State's celebration of the Nation's 200th Anniversary in 1976, and thereafter remain as a permanent residual.

A press conference to announce the Bicentennial Parks project will be held at 12:00 noon, Tuesday, February 22, for all media in the Internal Ballroom West following the States presentation. Also, a special presentation has been arranged by the ARBC for noted national architectural critics to view and discuss the Parks project prototype with its Architects, Davis, Brody & Associates of New York.

Also, on the agenda for the full Commission meeting which convened at 9:00 A.M. today in the Pan American Health Organization Building, Meeting Room B, are the International Expo (Philadelphia), The Sickle Cell Anemia Disease Project, Call for Achievement, Bicentennial Coins and Medals, The Boy Scouts of America Bicentennial participation, an Afro-American Bicentennial Corporation progress report, and a report on an ARBC Study by Arthur D. Little, Inc.

On Tuesday, February 22, the Fifty States National Bicentennial Conference will convene at 9:00 A.M. in the International Ballroom West, Washington Hilton Hotel. Regional Group discussion will convene at 1:30 P.M., following which the full Conference will reconvene at 3:30 P.M. for the duration of the afternoon. At 9:00 A.M. on Wednesday, February 23, the Conference will again convene in the International Ballroom West for a full day session.

At 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, February 17, at the National Press Club, American Airlines announced in a press conference its decision to host on NBC a ten-part series of specials on "The American Experience" in honor of the Bicentennial. Program host Chet Huntley along with officials of the airlines and the network and ARBC Director Jack I. LeVANT discussed initial plans of the project which is to commence in the Fall, 1972.

Following a meeting with Philadelphia Mayor Frank L. Rizzo on Thursday, February 10, ARBC Chairman David J. Mahoney announced that a final deadline of March 15 has been imposed on the city for an Expo plan, which must present not only a feasible site but also an acceptable cost breakdown, assurance of political and neighborhood support in Philadelphia, objectives and theme for the Expo, and a timetable for bringing one about. At the news conference William L. Rafsky, Chairman of The Executive Committee of the Bicentennial Corporation, said "We're confident on March 15 we will be presenting a plan that will be acceptable to the Commission and the Department of Commerce and Congress."

Winners were announced recently in a competition to design the official seal for the Rhode Island Commemoration of the Bicentennial. Prizes were awarded in ceremonies in Governor Licht's office. Top prize of \$1,000 went for a design depicting the State's independent man and a Colonial Minuteman standing together, encircled by 13 stars and the words, "Rhode Island Bicentennial, 1776-1976." A student at the Rhode Island School of Design took first prize in the college division of the contest and was awarded \$500 for his design of four stylized figures, "ri76".

The wives of the White House Fellows were guests for a morning briefing on ARBC activities at Washington Headquarters on February 14. ARBC Director LeVANT was host to the group assisted by Perdita Champey, Communications Department and Project Manager for Women's Activities for the ARBC. The ladies were shown the ARBC film presentation.

Following the lead of the City of Hartford (Conn.) the City of Scranton (Pa.) is embarked upon a campaign to create an American Flag made entirely of living flowers in honor of the Bicentennial. Plans are underway for a fund-raising campaign for certain flowers to be grown in the City's Nay Aug Park Greenhouse, so that the Bicentennial "Growing Flag" can be dedicated this coming July 4th.

A Buffalo (N.Y.) councilman with the Recreation and Urban Beautification Subcommittee of the Citizens Advisory Committee on Community Improvement has submitted a proposal outlining a clean-up program for Delaware Park and its polluted lake in an effort to designate the project a national Bicentennial goal.

The New Jersey Historical Commission, in a resolution adopted unanimously on February 9, has called on the State Government to create a special agency to coordinate the State's celebration of the National Bicentennial. The Commission wants its own role in the obser-

vance confined to "appropriate historical projects pertinent to New Jersey's significant role in the Revolution." Chairman John T. Cunningham and the Commission expressed the hope "that the State may effectively proceed with a sense of urgency to the next phase in planning for the Bicentennial."

On February 24, the first meeting of a 26-member committee to lead Baltimore's Bicentennial commemoration will be held at the invitation of Mayor Schaefer, Honorary Chairman of the Committee. Baltimore Attorney, Robert J. Thieblot, a member of the Board of School Commissioners and also of the Historical and Architectural Preservation Commission, has been named Chairman. The appointments to the Baltimore City Bicentennial Committee were announced last week by Wilson K. Barnes, Chairman of the Maryland ARBC.

The Speech Communication Association, representing 8,000 specialists in speech communication (most of them in higher education) has appointed a Bicentennial Coordination Committee to lead the Association in planning a comprehensive Bicentennial program for 1976. Chairman of the Committee is Dr. James McBath, Department of Speech Communication, University of Southern California.

22 organizations were represented at the ARBC Heritage '76 Committee Advisory Panel meeting held on February 11 at ARBC Headquarters in Washington. According to James Biddle, Chairman of the Heritage '76 Committee, the three Panels, Historic Conservation, Commemoration and Convocation, Publications and Research met individually in workshop sessions and then jointly to discuss guidelines and suitable national programs that the Panels could initiate.

It was reported this week in the Washington Star that the Virginia General Assembly will soon ask Congress to "expedite a tour of the Liberty Bell" from Philadelphia's Independence Hall by truck and highway in honor of the Bicentennial, so, the Assembly was quoted, "That it may have the best possible access to as many American citizens as possible."

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ARBC Chairman David Mahoney will appear as a guest on Sherrye Henry's "Woman" Show in New York on Tuesday, March 14 at 9:30 a.m. on WCBS. The Chairman will discuss the Bicentennial Parks and show the Park's model in one segment of Miss Henry's informative show for women featuring prominent guests from every field.

Five "city improvement type" projects, most already on the drawing boards, were informally adopted for support recently by the San Antonio (Texas) Bicentennial Committee. Four of the projects include planned downtown developments, as the Del Alamo project, extension of San Antonio River beautification, the Mexican Market project, and a San Antonio "new town." A fifth project, termed an urgent need for a 1976 celebration, was brought up with discussion of a municipal stadium for major sports events. Mrs. Gene Riddle, Associate Executive Director of the Texas ARBC addressed the committee during their meeting.

Thomas J. Guilfoil, a St. Louis (Mo.) lawyer, has been named president of the St. Louis Bicentennial World Congress, Inc., a non-profit group that is raising funds for a World Congress on legal and social justice to be held in St. Louis in August, 1975, as part of the American Bicentennial celebration.

The Americana Unit of the American Topical Association has announced plans to record and publish complete information on all issues relating to the Bicentennial that is expected from many foreign countries from now until 1976. The information will be published and recorded in Americana Philatelic News, the bulletin of the Americana Unit. For further information on the Americana Unit in conjunction with 200th anniversary issue contact Americana Unit C 9, Lauren R. Januz, 1370 Longwood Road, Lake Forest, Illinois, 60045.

A network of bicycle trails extending from the Newport News City Park to Jamestown and the proposed York River State Park has been suggested as a new Bicentennial program for Virginia. The plan has been proposed by Stanley Abbott of Williamsburg, former parkway superintendent, to link municipal park with a bike-hike trail paralleling Colonial Parkway. Abbott said recently that he believes the National Park Service is taking a look at building the bike trail beside the 26-mile historical park roadway.

Congratulations to Richard F. Pourade, editor emeritus of The San Diego Union, who has received a special "Ring of Truth" award, the first of a series of annual awards to be made by the Copley Newspapers over the next five years to recognize a special contribution to the Bicentennial by a Copley newspaper or employee. Mr. Pourade was recognized for his distinguished contributions to the preparations for the celebration of the American Bicentennial. Mr. Robert Letts Jones, president of the corporation, has urged his publishers and executives to stimulate programs in their communities which will fulfill the recommendation of the ARBC that the Bicentennial celebration be nationwide in scope, highlighting progress and the future.

Rhode Island Lieutenant Governor J. Joseph Garrahy recently urged members of the Sons of the American Revolution in Rhode Island to promote the state's Bicentennial celebration "so we can make giant strides in fulfilling our tourism potential." Lt. Governor Garrahy urged the SAR to expend itself in behalf of the Bicentennial celebration in 1976.

On March 14, the U.S. Senate has scheduled hearings on the ARBC's 1973 budget and the House will hold its hearings on the new budget on March 16.

Following are some newspaper comments on the ARBC's Bicentennial Parks:

Harriet Van Horne, a columnist for the New York Post (2/26) writes: "Obviously, this Bicentennial Commission is endowed with more wisdom than one usually finds in such groups. Out of their deliberations has emerged a master plan for beautifying America, restoring old landmarks, razing slums, and establishing 'Bicentennial Parks' in each of the 50 states."

From The Salt Lake Tribune (3/2), Salt Lake City, Utah, in an editorial titled "Gifts to the People"--"The idea of parks in each state built on land donated by the federal government, ranging from 100 to 500 acres, would leave a permanent residual, benefitting many people instead of long forgotten Trylons and Perispheres or Treasure Islands that few remember. More important, in a time when the urban crush is becoming more throbbing, a proposal to construct sizeable recreational parks, as a gift from the nation to the people, is a birthday present that is most appropriate."

The Christian Science Monitor (2/24) reports, "The American Bicentennial Commission have come up with a winning--not to mention needed--alternative to the delays and debate in Philadelphia. The various sites will be chosen for their natural setting and proximity to lakes or harbors--and will provide a much needed safety valve in the form of open space for harried city dwellers. Park structures will be designed in such a way to grace, not disgrace, the terrain. Architectural breakthroughs are likely, for innovation (along with maturity) will be encouraged."

The Bicentennial Parks would be a creditable permanent reminder of the national pride that Americans should feel in 1976 suggests the Journal in Wilmington, Delaware (2/28).

The <u>Journal</u> recommends Cape Henlopen as an obvious location for <u>Delaware's Bicentennial Park</u>, giving the state a "meaningful permanent bicentennial project." "If the federal commission continues to push for its 50-park proposal, Delaware's congressional delegation should get behind the Cape Henlopen location." (2/28)

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The ARBC Executive Committee is scheduled to meet next in Washington on Tuesday, March 21, and the Communications Committee will hold a meeting following on Wednesday, March 22, also in Washington.

Following the recent press conference announcing NBC's plans to produce 10 specials entitled "The American Experience" sponsored by American Airlines and running through 1976, the show's announcer and spokesman, Chet Huntley, was quoted by the New York Times (3/6) on his reason for coming out of retirement and back to network television. "I wanted to get something going on behalf of the Bicentennial," Huntley concluded.

A project to involve Texas colleges and universities in a coordinated program to observe the Bicentennial has been set in motion with the appointment of a central planning staff and a statewide 17-member executive committee. Dr. Edgar L. Roy, Jr., former president of St. Edward's University in Austin, has been named director of planning for the Texas College and University Bicentennial Program.

Plans for a World Food Expo in Iowa for the Bicentennial were given an initial, tentative go-ahead by the Iowa House recently in a 57-32 vote to create a state board to plan for such an exposition in connection with the American Bicentennial Celebration. The bill calls for an eleven-member Authority to accept grants, acquire land and construct buildings. Separate legislation is needed for appropriations.

Mr. Gene Sleevi, Department of Defense Deputy Director for Community Relations and DOD Bicentennial Project Officer, briefed major Air Force Command directors of information, world-wide, on national and DOD Bicentennial planning and developments. The two-day meeting, March 13-14, at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, featured visuals on specific DOD planning which will affect Air Force commands

during the Bicentennial observance. Mr. Sleevi also reports that Department of Army information officers were also briefed recently in a similar session. The Defense Department has issued its Bicentennial Memorandum Number Two in a numbered series of instructions to Defense commands and agencies designed to keep all components abreast of planning.

In a Saint Patrick's Day message from the American Irish Foundation John P. Cosgrove, Foundation president, has announced that they have prepared capsuled biographies of a group of Irish who were close to George Washington during the Revolution. The announcement points out that the password of the Continental Army in Boston on March 17, 1776 was a well-chosen "Saint Patrick." Mr. Cosgrove also said, "The Foundation hopes to stimulate additional research along these lines so that obscure heroes may be suitably recognized during the 1976 Bicentennial of the United States." For additional information write American Irish Foundation, 943 National Press Building, Washington, D.C. 20004.

The Florida State Interamerican Center Authority last week unanimously approved the latest plan for development of a multi-million dollar commercial, educational and cultural complex on the Graves Tract in North Dade (Interama). The authority stated in a resolution endorsing the specific projects that the whole project would be completed on or before January, 1976, in time to use Interama as a site for Florida's Bicentennial celebration. Specific projects endorsed include the Garden of the Sun, the Tower of the Sun, sites for national, institutional and commercial pavilions, an Interamerican trade show building and a regional interamerican park to be located along the shore of Biscayne Bay.

A Bicentennial symphony, titled "In the Name of These States," composed by nineteen year old Paul Hofreiter, premiered on March 18th by the Delaware Valley Philharmonic Orchestra, Maestro Joseph Primavera conducting, Levittown-Fairless Hills, Pa. In his own words, "The ideal was to join the people of this country, both spiritually and emotionally, into "one perfect union." The work, Symphony #2, Opus 33, is requiring 300 voices to perform. The Delaware Valley Philharmonic Orchestra of Bucks County is not new to premiering Bicentennial or other works. They were first with a "Bicentennial Ball and Season." Paul Hofreiter played a role also, he arranged the orchestrated Ann Hawkes Hutton's Bicentennial Suite which was premiered last season.

The Philadelphia Bicentennial Corporation will present its plan for an international exposition on March 21 at the Department of Commerce. In attendance will be representatives from the ARBC, the Department of Commerce, Office of Management and Budget and the State Department. A news conference has been scheduled immediately following the Philadelphia presentation.

Following are further comments on Bicentennial Parks:

"Gov. Russell W. Peterson said yesterday he hopes to get federal funds to buy and develop land in the Iron Hill area as a park to tie in with the Bicentennial celebration. Peterson said the land near Cooch's Bridge, south of Newark, would be developed as a permanent tourist attraction. He said he supports efforts of the American Revolution Bicentennial Commission to get federal support for bicentennial celebration parks. 'This fits in well with the plans we have been considering' for the Iron Hill area, Peterson said."

— Wilmington (Dela.) Journal, 2/25

"The idea is a good one, particularly because it would not force the states into any rigid pattern. Each would select its own architects to play variations on the central theme. The expected result would be fundamental similarity, but without conformity... The proposal would provide means whereby the several states could, if they chose, have a part in the nation's concerted celebration of 200 years of independence."

- editorial entitled "Anniversary Parks" Shenandoah (Pa.) Herald, 3/4

"The fact is that our national parks are too few and too far apart . . . So it is that the announcement that the American Revolution Bicentennial Commission plans to set up 50 parks honoring the occasion is cause for rejoicing . . . It's a lasting way to celebrate a Bicentennial."

- editorial entitled "The Park Proposal" Bethlehem (Pa.) Globe-Times, 2/26

"I have the pleasure to inform you that, at its meeting on March 3, 1972, the Hawaii Bicentennial Commission unanimously approved in principle the concept of the Bicentennial Parks project and Hawaii's full participation in this program. We look forward to working with you on these Parks project in the years ahead. The concept is exciting indeed."

- Henry S. Richmond, Liaison Officer, Hawaii Bicentennial Commission in letter to ARBC, 3/7

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A String of Urban Parks

Our National Parks with their untouched nature and outdoor recreation for millions are among the country's proudest assets and the envy of the world. But we are woefully short of urban parks, the kind of place at the end of a short subway, bus or car ride where families can find recreation, diversion and inspiration on a nice summer evening or holiday. One of the few such cultural, recreation and amusement parks in the United States—and surely the best designed—is the Seattle Center, right in the center of Seattle. It is a happy remnant of the 1962 Century 21 exposition and any visitor from another city who has found time to see the exhibits, enjoy a concert or performance, eat in one of the restaurants or just stroll, would want to have such a park close to

Well, that's what the American Revolution Bicentennial Commission would have the nation give itself for its 200th anniversary in 1976. It proposes a chain of such parks, to be sponsored by the states and financed by the federal government, which would also donate the 100 to 500 acres of land, most of it in or close to our major population centers. Each park would cost from \$15 million to \$25 million and the commission estimates that the total program might run to \$1.2 billion.

As the commission sees it, each of these Bicentennial Parks would reflect the unique natural

and architectural characteristics of its region. Each would have a central pavilion for historic displays and regional craft bazaars and workshops as well as an outdoor amphitheater for symphony concerts and theater, dance, folk music and jazz performances. These amphitheaters would have standardized stages so that national and international touring groups could simply plug in their sets and perform without costly adjustments and rehearsals. In addition, the commission suggests, the parks would include a wide range of outdoor activities, children's playgrounds, picnic areas, marinas, restaurants and food kiosks and perhaps a botanical garden and ecology center devoted to increasing our environmental awareness.

While each state would select its own architects, planners and designers, the commission hopes to inspire and assure design excellence by issuing detailed guidelines and establishing a national design review board to coordinate the design of all parks. Such coordination would give manufacturers a large enough market to introduce innovative new designs for the structures and furnishings.

To complete these parks by the spring of 1976. the commission estimates, site selection and preliminary planning should start right now. This is a good idea and we hope the commission and the administration will lose no time proposing it to Congress.

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During its meeting on March 21, the ARBC Executive Committee received reports and placed under study positions on a national Bicentennial theme; a policy for recognition of non-profit and commercial projects; the Coins and Medals program; and the feasibility study of the Bicentennial Parks concept. In addition, a presentation by New York City officials was made in behalf of the New York South Street Seaport Project.

The Philadelphia Bicentennial Corporation presented on Tuesday, March 21, plans for hosting an International Expo for '76. Chairman John Bunting made the presentation to Secretary of Commerce Peter Peterson, ARBC Chairman David J. Mahoney and representatives of other federal departments and agencies.

Mr. Bunting was joined by Pennsylvania Governor Milton Shapp, Philadelphia Mayor Frank Rizzo, U.S. Senator Richard Schweiker, Congressmen Byrne, Eilberg and Williams (ARBC member), and several other state and city officials from Pennsylvania and New Jersey. The Expo plan will be taken under advisement and study for a joint report to President Nixon by Commerce, the Office of Management and Budget and the ARBC.

At the ARBC Communications Committee meeting on March 22, action was taken to provide for Advisory Panels on Ethnic Media and to include ethnic representation on the Committee. The Committee also unanimously recommended a national Bicentennial theme and sent its recommendation to the ARBC Executive Committee. Also on the agenda was a presentation for recognizing nonprofit and commercially sponsored communications projects and a review of current ARBC Communications and Audiovisual Programs.

The directors of Washington, D.C.'s Metro Authority, WMATA, recently pledged an all-out drive to meet the Administration's request that at least 24 miles of Metro rapid rail line be operational for the '76 Bicentennial. In a resolution approved by Metro directors top priority consideration will be given to extending service to Dupont Circle, Silver Spring, National Airport and Stadium-Armory stations by May 1, 1976.

The Year and the Spirit of '76 by ARBC Commission member Ann Hawkes Hutton is to be published by Franklin Publishing Company, Philadelphia on April 3rd. All proceeds will go to the Washington Crossing Foundation. Additional information may be obtained by writing the Foundation, Washington Crossing, Pa. 18977.

Mr. Robert A. Hickman, member of the South Carolina Bicentennial Commission, said recently that the State Commission is planning to establish three interpretive centers for visitors for the Bicentennial. One is to be located at Charleston and others at the sites of the Battles of Cowpens and King's Mountain.

A recent article appearing in the Lansing (Mich.) Journal states that Michigan's participation will emphasize the historical development of transportation in the U.S., but will also feature several varying statewide observance with the assistance of several local historical societies. The State Historical Commission, the article says, is urging construction of a new Museum of Michigan History "as a lasting reminder of the Bicentennial celebration."

Following are some recent State Bicentennial developments reported to the ARBC:

Mr. Arnie Stenseth has been named Director of the South Dakota American Revolution Bicentennial Commission. Mr. Stenseth will have his office in the State Capitol Building in Pierre.

Mrs. William S. Curry of Casper, Wyoming has been named Chairman of the Wyoming Bicentennial Commission. Mr. Charles W. Margolf of Buffalo, Wyoming has been named Vice Chairman and Mrs. Jim Hendry of Lost Cabin, Secretary-Treasurer of the twenty-member Commission.

Dr. Robert E. Cecile has been named Chairman of the Ohio American Revolution Bicentennial Advisory Commission. Mr. Cecile is the Assistant to the Governor for Education. Following are additional comments on Bicentennial Parks:

"Open land and the great frontier are the bases of American history. Indeed, they made the country. We cannot think of a more meaningful birthday celebration than a network of parks demonstrating, among other things, wholesome recreation and the best use of land. But why wait until 1974 to get the job going?"

- Miami, Fla. Herald (3/4)

"Many states and cities already are well along in their Bicentennial planning. For those that are lagging behind-and that includes Wisconsin--the Bicentennial Park announcement should prove to be a spur for greater activity."

- Commonwealth Reporter (Wisc.) (2/25)

"This could be the spark that could put the bicentennial on the road and unite this nation as never before."

- Rapid City, S.D. Journal (3/2)

"Scattering a series of novel new parks across the country seems at first glance like a dramatic way of enhancing the 1976 observance of the nation's 200th birthday. ... The commission concedes problems. Some states might not want one of these new parks if they are going to have to take over operating costs. (Presumably Wisconsin would not be that shortsighted, given our great need for more parks nearer urban centers.)"

- Milwaukee, Wisc. <u>Journal</u> (3/1)

"The idea has merit if for no other reason than it allows flexibility. States would not be required to participate, and those who did could select their own architect to play variations on the central theme."

- Lancaster, Pa. <u>Journal</u> (3/6)

"The network of 50 bicentennial parks proposed by the American Revolution Bicentennial Commission would be a creditable permanent reminder of the national pride Americans should feel in 1976."

- Winchester, Va. Star (3/8)

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To Honor a Revolution

-Parks for the People

By Wolf Von Eckardt

The American Revolution Bicentennial Commission has finally come up with an idea.

It is a good one, I think.

The Commission would have us celebrate the 200th anniversary of our independence in 1976 by opening a Bicentennial Park-a "peoples' park," as it were-in every state of the Union. They would be built on federal surplus land, such as obsolete military installations. And most of them would be built in or near big cities, where popular recreation and cultural attractions, indoor and out, are most sorely needed.

These parks would not be mere fairgrounds, such as Philadelphia is still thinking of building for the 1976 celebration.

Nor would they be city parks in the traditional sense, such as New York's Central Park or Washington's Rock Creek Park. The old parks were created in more leisurely times and thought of as great, bucolic open spaces within the city, a bit of rural landscape transplanted to a place where city people could easily get to them for outdoor play, strolling, sunning and seclusion. We need that, too.

But the new, Bicentennial Parks would also be places where things happen, that invite, to use the fashionable sociologese, "involvement and participation." There would be excitement, diversion and inspiration, a variety of activities and

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events by day and by night, summer and winter.

As a major attraction, the Bicentennial Commission suggests that each park have a Bicentennial Pavilion for historical exhibits and the display of arts, crafts and special films as well as an amphitheater for all kinds of theater, music and dance performances. In front of them would be a Bicentennial Plaza for public ceremonies.

The parks would furthermore feature a variety of restaurants, some offering hot dogs and beer, others fancy dishes and wine. There would be dance pavilions and puppet shows, market stalls, carousels and fun rides, a botanical garden and ecology center, children's playgrounds and picnic areas.

Some parks might still have room for games and sports and many would include water for swimming and ice skating and perhaps even fishing and boating.

Most importantly, perhaps, the parks would invite spontaneous events and "happenings," such as people themselves will generate, given half a chance. Thomas P. F. Hoving, now the director of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, successfully sparked such happenings in Central Park when he was New York City's Park Commissioner.

The Bicentennial Commission asked architects Davis.

Brody and Associates to design a prototype for such parks. They came up with an interesting model, showing a world's fair-type, innovative cable structure and all sorts of neat architectural baubles.

But never mind the steel net, plastic-coated megastructures that scare us into future shock. What matters here are not structures but people. And to show what these parks could do for them, the Commission may be better advised to show pictures of some of the existing urban parks and how people enjoy them.

The most famous and attractive one, perhaps, is Copenhagen's Tivoli. Another delightful one is Moscow's

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Maxim Gorki Park. Each major East European city, in fact, has a "people's park" at the end of a street-car ride that keeps familing entertained for a whole day without having seen and experienced all its attractions.

The most delightful cultural, recreation and amusement park in this country, I should think, is the Seattle Center, a happy remnant of the 1962 Century 21 exposition in that city. Some years ago New York was about to build a similar park on the site of the 1939 and 1964 world's fairs out at Flushing Meadows.

Designed by landscape architect Lawrence Halprin with architects Marcel Breuer and Kenzo Tange, Flushing Meadows was to be a permanent bright spot in the city, a place full of ac-

tion and vitality, a park that had just about everything—except the money to build it.

That was also the fate of the Anacostia Park here in Washington which Lawrence Halpern designed for Mrs. Lady Bird Johnson's beautification effort. Its most exciting feature was to be Kingman Lake, a stretch of the Anacostia River just below the Kennedy Stadium, that was to be de-polluted by filtering the water so that 30,000 people could swim in it at the same time. The cultural and amusement park was to be built on both sides of the lake and its sandy beaches.

Here, then, in New York and in Washington, are the makings of these Bicentennial Parks. There are surely similar potentials in all our big cities.

The Bicentennial Commission is now investigating these potentials and the feasibility and desirability of a string of such parks. It hopes that the next President will submit a well designed national program to Congress in January 1973, which will just barely be enough time to get them built by 1976.

Some people might call these parks a mere frill, a place for firecrackers, fun and games. But the President might well make them part of his program of dealing with the urban crisis because recreation, diversion and happenings that bring people together are just as important as housing and public transportation.

The Bicentennial parks, in short, could help a great deal to bring our stagnating cities to life again.

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On Saturday, April 1, the U.S. Postal Service announced that four 8-cent postage stamps commemorating the Bicentennial will be issued on July 4th at Williamsburg, Virginia. The stamps depict four colonial craftsmen -- a glass maker, a silversmith, a wigmaker and a hatter. These will be printed on the same sheet. The horizontal stamps have identical inscriptions, and will be printed deep brown on buff paper. The print order is 135 million. Across the top is "Colonial American Craftsmen." and "Bicentennial Era" appears in the upper center. The vignettes were engraved by Edward P. Archer and the lettering was engraved by Albert Saavedra of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. The Designer is Leonard Everett Fisher, Westport, Conn., who is well known for the books he has written and illustrated on colonial life. First day cancellation requests should be directed to "Bicentennial Stamp, Postmaster, Williamsburg, Va. 23185," enclosing proper remittance which is 8 cents for each stamp desired, and with request postmarked no later than July 4.

The next meeting of the ARBC Executive Committee will be on Thursday, April 20, in New York. On Tuesday, April 18, the ARBC Communications Committee and the Philatelic Advisory Panel will both meet in Washington, D.C.

The New York State ARBC has announced that publication of a paperback edition of Carl Becher's essay, "The Spirit of '76," with introduction and notes by Dr. Louis L. Tucker, Executive Director of the Commission. The book may be purchased for \$1.00 from Gifts and Exchange Section, New York State Library, State Education Department, Albany, New York 12224.

The Director of the Seattle, Washington Opera Association, Glynn Ross, recently called a meeting of 100 interested Seattleites to enlist their support for an American Wagnerian Festival as part of the national Bicentennial celebration. The Wagner Festival would take place in the summer of 1976 and Mr. Ross hopes that a special new theatrical facility, similar to Wolf Trap Farm outside Washington, D.C., could be created for the Bicentennial event.

Temple University's campus and activities were proposed recently as an educational attraction for the Bicentennial in Philadelphia. University officials have offered to organize and sponsor with appropriate groups an artistic, musical, performing arts and sports program for Bicentennial visitors. In addition, it will organize a series of exhibits, films, displays, workshops, conferences and field events, as well as "Bicentennial Scholarships" to Temple for at least two students "from every country in the world" during 1976.

The Gaspee Day Committee, Warwick, Rhode Island, has informed the ARBC that in honor of the 200th anniversary of the Year of the Gaspee Incident (On June 9, 1772 some Rhode Islanders burned the British customs schooner, the Gaspee, that was patrolling the coastal waters for smugglers), the Havilland China Company of France has chosen the episode as the first of five major events to warrant attention in the production of U.S. Bicentennial Commemorative special additions. Governor Frank Licht was presented with the first plate by Mr. Havilland on March 21. Rhode Island will be commemorating the Year of the Gaspee throughout 1972 as the first of several Bicentennial events.

Mayor Julius Wilensky of Stamford, Conn. has confirmed that restoration of old Fort Stamford will be the highlight of that city's observance of the national Bicentennial. Fort Stamford, it is believed was laid out by General Waturbury, a close friend of General Washington. Its very existence is thought to be a strong reason why Stamford was not invaded during the Revolution.

The recently organized Women for the Bicentennial in Philadelphia have announced plans to establish one or more youth hostels during the Bicentennial to encourage young people to come to Philadelphia and stay for a small fee. The Women's group is also encouraging young people to play an active and important role during the Bicentennial celebration, such as serving as tour guides and host and hostesses at hospitality centers.

As of April 1, 1972, the ARBC has received 182 press clippings pertaining to the Bicentennial Parks concept from newspapers in 43 States. The concept has also been endorsed in 33 newspaper editorials. Below are comments extracted from correspondence from Governors on the Bicentennial Parks concept:

"The concept is indeed all encompassing and will, I am sure, provide many states an opportunity to provide additional leisure and recreational facilities closely tied to historical events for the people of urban areas."

- William A. Egan, Governor Alaska, March 14

"I am excited about the Bicentennial Parks concept. I hope that Congress will look favorably upon this program in appropriating sufficient money to implement it.

"I met with my Bicentennial Commission in Wyoming for two and a half hours yesterday, and you may be sure of our support and enthusiasm for the work that lies ahead."

- Stan Hathaway, Governor Wyoming, March 16

"I am asking the Chairman of this Commission to give serious thought and consideration to the Bicentennial Parks concept for the Commission's review and study.

"We hope to cooperate in every way possible in making the Bicentennial Celebration a success in Arkansas."

- Dale Bumpers, Governor Arkansas, March 13

"It is indeed a stimulating and original concept and one which I hope we will be able to implement.

"We have, as you probably know, a vigorous and active state commission, headed by our Attorney General. I intend to work closely with them--not only on the park concept, but on other matters as well."

- Cecil D. Andrus, Governor Idaho, March 9

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DEPICTION OF THE FOUR 8-CENT POSTAGE STAMPS COMMEMORATING THE BICENTENNIAL TO BE ISSUED ON JULY 4th AT WILLIAMSBURG, VIRGINIA.



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Forty-six prominent Americans from the fields of travel and hospitality, creative and visual arts, and the performing arts have been named to important ARBC advisory panels. The three panels will develop programs and recommend policy procedures to the ARBC Open House USA Committee chaired by George E. Lang. Among the first projects the Performing Artists and Allied Experts Panel and the Creative and Visual Arts Panel will be that of undertaking a review of the cultural resources which could be made available for the Bicentennial. They will meet initially on April 10 and April 11, respectively. Members of the Invitation to the World Panel will assist the Commission in its efforts to encourage and facilitate travel and hospitality and will hold their first meeting on April 17.

On March 30, Florida Governor Reubin Askew signed important legislation for financing Interama—a step toward a Bicentennial opening. The new law allows the Interama Authority to issue \$12 million in revenue bonds which could be used for payment of ad valorem property taxes in Dade County in the event of default on the bonds. It also permits any agency of the State to enter into finalizing agreements with the Authority and clarifies certain terms and status of the City of North Miami bonds.

The Memphis (Tenn.) Jaycees are buying and donating to schools portfolios entitled "The Forty Documents of Our American Heritage" in conjunction with the Bicentennial. The portfolios were compiled and photographed from the 250 original documents included on the Freedom Train of the American Heritage Fonndation. As a public service forty negatives of these original documents were preserved and are now being distributed as a public service to schools who no longer have the finances for supplemental publications.

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Ralph J. Menconi, the designer of the Bicentennial Medal that will be produced by the U.S. Mint, was recently selected by the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, Pa., to receive its George Washington Honor Medal Award for 1971. The annual prize is granted for an outstanding accomplishment in helping to achieve a better understanding of America and Americans. He was honored for his "historic medal creations."

Preliminary plans to establish a Lenape Village for the Bicentennial celebration at Washington Crossing, Pa., are being formulated by Lenape Land, an American Indian organization. Mrs. William Bradley, chairman of the group told the Bucks County Bicentennial Committee that a village and interpretation center would be established. The organization has been studying Indian life in Delaware Valley in colonial days.

Rep. Richard C. White (Tex.) has introduced legislation calling for the minting of a special U.S. coin to commemorate the nation's Bicentennial year. The bill calls for the coinage of 50-cent or one-dollar pieces for general circulation. The metal coins would bear a design chosen by the Treasury Secretary to commemorate the nation's 200th birthday. The White bill does not prohibit a standard blend of metals. A Hearing on the bill has not yet been scheduled by the House Banking and Currency Subcommittee which must debate the bill.

An "America's 200th Anniversary Clock," designed and built by Harold w. Lanzer, Holgate, Ohio, cabinetmaker, has been placed on exhibit at the Ohio Historical Center in Columbus. The clock was built to symbolize the Bicentennial for Ohioans and visitors.

As part of youth involvement for the Bicentennial, the Williamsburg (Va.) Gazette ran a recent article detailing state involvement. It reported that members of the Junior Bicentennial Commission in Charlottesville are spending part of each Sunday tidying up Revolutionary War graveyards, and have a painting program set for Spring.

The Marine Digest Weekly has endorsed a proposal offered by Peter Stanford, president of the National Maritime Historical Society of New York, to make the last existing American built square rigger, the Kaiulani, a U.S. Bicentennial Project. The ship, currently in poor shape, has been languishing in the waters of Subic Bay, Philippine Islands, troubled by lack of funds to get her back to the states for restoration. Mr. Stanford is asking for all maritime-minded folk to join in the effort of saving the Kaulani and make the project a Bicentennial event.

Dr. Robert Cecile, who was elected Chairman of the Ohio American Revolution Bicentennial Advisory Commission at its organization meeting, reports that the Commission has formed three committees, one each for celebrations, exhibitions, and scholarship-education. Plans are being formulated for a symbol, a motto or theme, and a broad, state-based program which encourages county, municipal, organizational and individual activities and contributions in 1976.

"A Call to Action," ARBC's official film, the story of our Nation's Bicentennial celebration in a fourteen minute film is 16 mm in sound and color and is suitable for all age groups. "A Call to Action" may be obtained on a loan basis free of charge. Write: Office of Communications, ARBC, 736 Jackson Place, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20276.

The Iowa American Revolution Bicentennial Commission held an "Iowa Tea Party" program for its meeting in Des Moines on March 27th. Robert Dillon, Chairman of the IARBC, addressed over 200 volunteers representing all 99 counties in the state and urged them to ride home in true Paul Revere style and issue a "Call to Arms" to every citizen in every village and farm. Del Black, Chicago Regional Coordinator, represented the ARBC at the session.

Actor Glenn Ford presented a television special saluting America's 200th Anniversary on April 4th. The CBS special, narrated by Ford featured Lou Rawls, Connie Stevens and Bill Medley singing son's about America against backdrops of Philadelphia, Concord, Sun Valley and the Mississippi River.

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The ARBC Executive Committee will meet in New York City on Thursday, April 20; the ARBC Communications Committee will meet at Headquarters on Tuesday, April 18, as will the ARBC Philatellic Advisory Panel. Also, on Tuesday, April 18, the Open House USA Committee will meet in New York City.

A session of the "Congress of 200" sponsored by the New Mexico American Revolution Bicentennial Commission met in Albuquerque recently. About 200 political, civic and educational leaders from throughout the state heard Governor Bruce King and UNM President open the meeting and Dr. William Dabney, UNM history professor, deliver the principal address on the background of the American Revolution. The afternoon session divided the Congress into workshops to discuss projects suitable for New Mexico. Dr. Luther H. Foster, Commission Member, represented the ARBC.

The ARBC Performing Arts Advisory Panel held its first meeting on Monday, April 10 and the Creative and Visual Arts Advisory Panel met on Tuesday, April 11 at the National Gallery of Art. The Panels were briefed on the overall themes and goals of the Bicentennial and Miss Nancy Hawks, Chairman of the National Endowment for the Arts, spoke on the relationship of that group to the upcoming commemoration. The main thrust of the meeting was a wide-ranging discussion of the nature of the involvement of the arts in the Bicentennial. The Performing Arts Panel members stressed their feeling that the Bicentennial Era should be a time for strengthening and highlighting America's young talent. The Creative and Visual Arts Panel members felt strongly that the Bicentennial should emphasize the multiplicity of creative talent across the country.

Chairman James Copley and the ARBC Communications Committee have announced that the official ARBC symbol will be featured soon in 10-second spot announcements on the Bicentennial by television stations across the nation.

The San Antonio (Texas) ARBC will coordinate and stage a June celebration in conjunction with the opening of the National University of Mexico's branch campus in HemisFair Plaza. "My feeling," explained Chairman B.J. "Red" McCombs, "is that it would be an important event for us to begin our Open House USA category." Mrs. Gene Riddle, associate director of the ARBC of Texas, said a June celebration would put San Antonio in the position of having the first Bicentennial Open House celebration in the nation.

The Florida ARBC in cooperation with the University of Florida's Department of History is sponsoring the first of a series of symposia on the American Revolution in Florida, May 18-20, on the University of Florida campus. The theme for this year's symposium is "Eighteenth Century Florida and Its Borderlands." Several Universities throughout the country are sending speakers and acting as commentators will be William Sturtevant (Smithsonian Institution), Paul Smith (Library of Congress), and Charles Van Ravensway (Henry Francis du Pont Winterthur Museum). Dr. Samuel Proctor, professor of history and social sciences, University of Florida, and a member of the Florida ARBC, is serving as chairman of the symposium. The conference is open to the public.

A group of Philadelphia-based historians, writers, teachers and patriotic citizens are publishing a new tabloid newspaper, "The American Revolution--Illustrated." While appearing exactly as a modern-day newspaper it retells the trials of America's birth from 1769 to 1783. Each event is written as if it were happening today. Some schools are already using the tabloid as an aid to their curriculum. The full story of every event is told in easy-to-read pictured format, suitable for the average reader. For information on the newspaper, which is published in 12 issues annually for \$8.00 write Walter Kubilius & Co., 122 Greenwood Avenue, Wyncote, Pa. 19095.

The Bicentennial Council of the Thirteen States will meet in Charleston, South Carolina, April 13th-16th. The ARBC will be represented by its States and Regional Coordinators.

Colorado State Representative Floyd M. Sack has been named interim Chairman of the Colorado Centennial-Bicentennial Commission. Mr. Sack will serve as Chairman of the Commission until September 30, 1972, completing the unexpired portion of the term of Mrs. Stephen Hart who recently resigned as Chairman.

Mr. Andrew Murphy, who represents the Activities Serivce of The Boy Scouts of America informed the ARBC this week that they are well along in the stages of securing Boy input to their preliminary planning for the BSA's part in the celebration of our Country's 200th anniversary. This is being done in 2 ways this Spring:

"Reactions and Suggestions are being secured from the more than 2,000 Explorer Post Presidents who will meet in Washington, D.C. next week at the Annual Explorer Post Presidents Congress. These are leaders of our high school age program and we should receive valuable suggestions and ideas from them.

"The Order of the Arrow, a B.S.A. Camping Fraternity, is being solicited by mail through their lodge chiefs to secure their suggestions. This group is made up of Boy Scouts as well as Explorers."

A target date of June has been set to secure this information and compile it.

Archivist of the United States James B. Rhoads said recently that the "most visible" of the Bicentennial accomplishments of the National Archives has been establishment of a Center for the Documentary Study of the American Revolution which is preparing guides to Revolutionary War records in the National Archives and a computer index for the Papers of the Continental Congress. He said that the Center is gearing up to provide "better tools for the historian who wishes to use Revolutionary War materials." Rhoads said that the National Archives also is stressing youth education programs as a Bicentennial project, working with the District of Columbia public school system in the preparation of teaching units on history and government. The Archivist spoke at a regional meeting of the American Association for State and Local History which was sponsored jointly by the Mississippi Historical Society.

Some twenty-five top professional, governmental and press women from national women's organizations will be guests of the ARBC on Monday, April 17th, to discuss women's involvement in the Bicentennial. Those attending have expressed interest in the possibility of nationwide projects in the Horizon's '76 concepts and are meeting to explore collective collaboration. And, on Sunday, April 9th, the ARBC was represented at the Awards Luncheon of the Virginia Press Women where plans and proposals and the role of the media in informing the public of the Bicentennial goals were discussed.

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The ARBC Executive Committee met on Thursday, April 20, and reviewed such agenda items as ARBC Policy/Procedure for Endorsement/Recognition, the Bicentennial Parks Feasibility Study, the Philadelphia International Expo and the Program Committee Advisory Panels. Other items reported on included a Policy for Nationwide Solicitation from Individual Citizens, the Joint Advertising Council Program, the Coins and Medals Program, the Status of ARBC Legislation and a Financial Report.

Two prominent representatives from the ethnic press were named to serve on the ARBC Communications Committee during its meeting on Tuesday, April 18. Joining the 15-member committee are Sherman Briscoe, Executive Director for the National Newspaper Publishers Association, which represents over 70 Black papers in the United States, and Ignacio E. Lozano, Jr., publisher of La Opinion, a Los Angeles, Spanish-written daily.

Women and their involvement in the Bicentennial was the topic of conversation on Monday, April 17, when twenty-five top professional women representing national organizations met at the ARBC headquarters. Major consideration was given to discussions on planning for Century Three and particularly nationwide projects under the Horizons '76 theme. The B'nai Brith Women, National Organization of Women, Church Women United, Black Women's Caucus and Americans for Indian Opportunities plus organizations such as the Leadership Foundation, the American Red Cross, League of Women Voters and American Women in Radio and TV explored various similar goals for the future.

The third new member of the Communications Committee represents the National Newspaper Association and its 7,000 plus member newspapers. Mr. Theodore Serrill, Executive Director of the NNA, was represented at the meeting by Richard Dew, General Manager of the Pennsylvania Newspaper Publishers Association. Serrill had been appointed just prior to the April meeting.

The ARBC's Philatelic Advisory Panel met on Tuesday, April 18, with John C. Chapin, Chairman, presiding and reporting on the Bicentennial Poster Program procedure. Special reports were given on future stamp shows and youth participation. Mr. Gordon Morison of the U. S. Postal Service discussed plans for the first day of issue ceremonies of the four new Bicentennial stamps from Williamsburg on July 4th. The Panel also discussed the P.N.C. (Philatelic-Numismatic Combination) which will feature the Bicentennial Stamps and the First Bicentennial Medal which will also be ready by July 4th. The U. S. Mint, under the direction of Mary Brooks, is responsible for the Medal.

The Town Affiliation Association (Sister Cities) has notified the ARBC through its President, F. W. Brittan, that the Association is accepting the Bicentennial challenge outlined by Congress and the President. The Commission will present a full Bicentennial report at its 14th Annual Town Affiliation Conference to be held in Seattle, August 16-19, 1972. At its last annual conference, the Board named a Bicentennial Planning Study Subcommittee and charged it with developing programs of substance which cities can carry out with their affiliates throughout the world. Mrs. Ruth Stevens is Chairman with Harris-Ragan Management Corporation of Los Angeles serving as project consultants. Presently they are conducting a Bicentennial planning study for TAA in cooperation with the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the U. S. Department of State.

It has been reported that all major Northern Virginia jurisdictions are now in the process of planning activities for the state's participation in the Bicentennial celebration beginning in 1974. Fairfax, Arlington and Alexandria have already appointed committees to make studies and formulate plans. One Bicentennial group, the Virginia Gateway Association is headed by acting director James W. Goldsmith who also heads the Alexandria Commission. The Association's main purpose, Goldsmith explained, is to coordinate activities in Northern Virginia. "The Association would also allow the Northern Virginia area to speak with one voice both to the Commonwealth and to the National Commission."

The Honorable Orval Hansen, U. S. Representative from Idaho Falls, Idaho, recently proposed making the log cabin in which sculptor Gutzon Borglum was born a national historic landmark or a national monument. Borglum is credited with carving the world-famous busts at Mt. Rushmore. Congressman Hansen has enlisted the support of Secretary of the Interior Rogers C. B. Morton and George Hartzog, Jr., Director of the National Park Service for this project.

Former Congressman John Marsh, Jr., ARBC Commission member, said recently that he hopes that the National Guard Association of the U.S. will have a series of studies completed in May on their Bicentennial involvement. Mr. Marsh serves as Chairman of the group designated by the Association to determine specific projects for inclusion in a National Guard Association Bicentennial program.

At the last Western Fairs convention, which represents some 7,000 members of Fair Associations in the West, Midwest and Canada, Mr. Richard Pourade, Editor Emeritus of the San Diego Union, represented the ARBC Communications Committee and delivered an address at a special panel entitled "Hitting a Patriotic Target." Mr. Pourade concluded his speech by saying, "You must reach the people and arouse them. You must take the Bicentennial to them so that people can be brought together in a national celebration."

The Bicentennial Council of the Thirteen Original States met in Charleston, South Carolina from April 13th to 16th. The two-day meeting included business sessions and tours of historic sites in Charleston. The Council approved various plans including a Debate Tournament to be held annually at Williamsburg, Virginia beginning in 1974. James T. McKinstry of Delaware was chosen to replace Bruce K. Price of Maryland as Treasurer until the June meeting of the Council in Princeton, New Jersey.

ARBC extends deepest sympathy to the family of Martin Pinsker, whose untimely death occurred April 13th. Mr. Pinsker was Director of Programs for CBS Radio Division and a member of the ARBC Communications Committee.

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The White House announced last week the appointment of eight new public members to the ARBC. They include Dr. Frank Angel, Jr., Albuquerque, New Mexico; Mr. Kenneth L. Beale, Jr., Westchester, Pennsylvania; Mr. Roy Lavon Brooks, Storrs, Connecticut; Miss Thomasine Ruth Hill, Tuscon, Arizona; Mr. Vernon E. Jordan, Jr., White Plains, New York; Miss Judith L. Kooker, Washington, D.C.; Mr. Charley Pride, Dallas, Texas; and Mr. Clarence W. Taylor, Wilmington, Delaware. An indoctrination meeting will be held at ARBC headquarters for the new members prior to the next full Commission meeting in Boston. Complete biographical data on the new members will be included in the May issue of the ARBC Newsletter.

On Wednesday, April 19, Mr. Jack I. LeVANT was sworn in as Director of the ARBC by The Chief Justice of the United States, Honorable Warren E. Burger, at ARBC headquarters.

A contest to design an emblem for the Oyster Bay (New York) ARBC was announced recently by Town Supervisor John W. Burke. The contest, which will run until June 1, is open to resident elementary, secondary and college students. The winning entry will become the official symbol for the Oyster Bay commemoration of the Bicentennial, and its designer will be awarded a \$200 prize. Two of the seventeen member local Bicentennial Commission are high school students. Chairman of the Oyster Bay ARBC is historian Dorothy Horton McGee.

ARBC Chairman David J. Mahoney appeared on NBC's TODAY show on Thursday morning, April 27. On that same evening he was presented in a special ceremony with the Congressional Medal of Honor Society's Patriots Award "in recognition of his outstanding contributions toward a more significant understanding of the historical meaning and future implications of the American experience."

Mrs. Gene Jones Riddle has been named Executive Director of the Texas ARBC. Mrs. Riddle was previously Assoc. Executive Director of the Commission and assumes the office formerly held by Dr. Frank E. Vandiver. Dr. Vandiver resigned to accept his appointment by President Nixon to the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Mr. Richard S. Allen, program coordinator for the New York State ARBC has informed the Commission that the Oneida County Historical Society recently sponsored an Upper Mohawk Valley Bicentennial Forum for representatives of town and county historical societies to discuss the state's proposed Bicentennial observance. Dr. Louis Tucker, Executive Director of the New York ARBC, delivered an address to the larger than expected crowd. Other Empire State forums planned for the next year include the Hudson Valley and Northern New York regions.

On Wednesday, April 19, Chairman Thurston Twigg-Smith and the Hawaii Bicentennial Commission held a news conference to invite every citizen in the state to suggest how Hawaii should officially commemorate the Bicentennial. A "Bicentennial Idea Chart" was unveiled with easy-to-fill-out sections in which citizens can summarize their ideas, how much money they think should be spent, and suggest who should carry out the task. Local newspapers in Hawaii have been publishing the Chart. The Commission plans to start and maintain a Registry of Bicentennial Projects and Events for public information and planning coordination.

Mrs. Marion Russell, editor of Coin World and vice-chairman of the ARBC's Coins and Medals Advisory Committee has been speaking recently to several diversified groups on the Bicentennial, including Alpha Delta Kappa Sorority of Ohio, the Delta Kappa Gamma Honorary Teachers' Society, and the Sidney, Ohio Reading Club. In concluding, Mrs. Russell tells her audiences that almost every person in every community in the nation will be involved in the Bicentennial between now and 1976.

A Mississippi ARBC has been appointed by Governor William L. Waller to be chaired by Judge James P. Coleman of Ackerman. The Commission has 18 members who will hold their initial meeting in the next several weeks. All state correspondence should be directed to the Executive Director of the Commission, Dr. R.A. McLemore, Director, Mississippi Department of Archives and history, P.O. Box 571, Jackson, Mississippi 39205.

The National 4-H Conference was held in Washington, April 23-28, and some 240 youth members viewed the Bicentennial film, "Call to Action." On Wednesday, April 26, a group of 4-H'ers who will be concentrating on involvement in the Bicentennial met with ARBC staff at Headquarters and discussed potential programs for the 4 million youths who belong to various 4-H clubs across the nation.

On April 28, the American Revolution Bicentennial Committee, Special Libraries Association, New Jersey Chapter inaugurated their 1972 committee activities with a ceremonial "Liberty Tree" planting on the Centennial of Arbor Day. New Jersey Governor William T. Cahill issued a statement endorsing the festivities, which also commemorated New Jersey's participation in the American Revolution and acknowledged the group's concerned interest in environmental ecology. The committee pointed out that in the ceremony the American Revolution was symbolically linked to the Bicentennial decade with a seedling from the Mercer Oak at Princeton Battlefield.

ARBC member, Mrs. Ann Hawkes Hutton, addressed the 81st Continental Congress of the Daughters of the American Revolution in Washington last week on the subject "THE BICENTENNIAL AND YOU." Mrs. Hutton urged the delegates "to work together in the shaping of a new 'Spirit of '76' that recognizes the enduring strength of our great, our incomparable American heritage."

Washington Crossing, Pennsylvania has hired Carol Briels of the Netherlands to make an 80-minute film dramatizing the role of immigrants in building America. One of the aims of the \$50,000 venture is to interest Europeans in the Bicentennial. Briels plans to return to the U.S. in March with a budget and script and to complete the film by Christmas. It will be shown in major European cities and in countries that gave the United States most of its immigrants. According to Briels, "The film will thank America for freedom, the help it has given other nations, its preservation of democracy throughout the world and the liberation of Europe in the Second World War." Briels organized his own theater company during the German occupation of the Netherlands. After the war he produced two dramas about the occupation and the liberation.

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The second Full Commission Meeting of 1972 will convene in Boston, Mass., May 15-16, at the Sheraton-Boston Hotel. On Monday at 8:00 a.m. ARBC Program Committees will meet. Following at 10:00 a.m. the Full Commission Meeting will commence to hear States' plans, including Connecticut, Maine, New York, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Rhode Island, and Vermont. On Tuesday, May 16, the Full Commission will meet to hear major committee reports, as well as a presentation on Boston, a report on the International Expo in Philadelphia, a Bicentennial Parks report, and a Coins and Medals Advisory Panel report, as well as Financial and other committee reports.

On Monday, May 8th an orientation session was held for the eight new public members to the ARBC in Washington. The presentation of certificates was delivered by the Honorable John D. Ehrlichman, Special Assistant to the President, at the Army-Navy Club. Background presentations were given by staff members.

PIERRE--Governor Richard F. Kneip has announced the names of additional members to the South Dakota Bicentennial Commission. The nine new board members, to be added to the present ten member Commission are: Joe Habeger, Madison; Alex Johnson, Watertown; Jerry Flute, Sisseton; John Bruce, Mitchell; Q. P. Coleman, Mobridge; Hoadley Dean, Rapid City; Vern Johnson, Rapid City; and Everett Follett, Spearfish. Joining SDBC Director Arnie Stenseth, Governor Kneip said, "These additional members of the SDBC will represent the portions of the state which haven't been represented as yet in Bicentennial planning as well as others whose contributions would add greatly to our planning."

The American Revolution will be the overall theme for the new ABC production, "The Revolutionaries." The four two-hour telemovies, written by American novelist Howard Fast, will dramatize incidents in the lives of George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, John Adams and Benjamin Franklin

News from the May 6th meeting of the Southwest Regional Alliance in San Antonio, Texas: Arizona ARBC Chairman, John Eversole, discussed a proposal for an "Old Glory" concept to possibly reach some 20 million young Americans; California Chairman, State Assemblyman Charles Conrad, stated that there is a growing interest in the Bicentennial in the Golden State; Gladys Warren of Oklahoma reminded everyone that all Americans should be urged to watch the TV Special "Stars and Stripes" out of Oklahoma City on July 4th; the Texas ARBC indicated that they may soon propose a national educational program designed to reach grade school children.

At the San Antonio Meeting ARBC Director Jack I. LeVANT stated that "22.5 million individuals or 10 percent of the American people have already volunteered their services toward creating a meaningful Bicentennial for the country...and the ARBC is preparing programs for them."

The American Revolution Bicentennial Committee of the New Jersey Chapter, Special Libraries Association, has selected "Historical Markers in New Jersey" as a principal theme of its activity for the Bicentennial. The Committee hopes to finance the purchase of a bronze plaque to be given to the Frelinghuysen Restoration in Raritan. It is expected that the plaque will be mounted on the building in a public ceremony in 1976. Restoration activities on the house, donated by Congressman Peter H.B. Frelinghuysen, have begun and a library will be added. The Committee's Chairman is Mayra Scarborough of Nutley. She said the librarians are working on many other plans which will be announced as they progress.

One of the books Dial Press is publishing on American history to celebrate the Bicentennial was a recent National Book Award Winner. "Righteous Empire: The Protestant Experience in America," authored by Martin Marty, won in the religion and philosophy category.

Mrs. R. O. Stephenson, the regent of Tucumcari (New Mexico) Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, has been notified that she is the winner of the Bicentennial Program Contest award sponsored by the National Society DAR. The essay contest on "The Economic Causes of the Revolutionary War" is one of several in which members of the nearly 3,000 chapters participate in during the Bicentennial Era.

The Florida ARBC is sponsoring a sumposium on Eighteenth Century Florida and its Borderlands, May 18-20, University of Florida, Gainsville. The agenda includes an address by Paul Smith of the Bicentennial Office of the Library of Congress and a tour of historic St. Augustine. The symposium was planned by a University of Florida faculty committee in cooperation with the State ARBC. The symposium is made possible by a grant from the Florida Commission. The Commission will also support the publication of papers presented at the symposium as a permanent contribution to the better understanding of the American Revolution and the role played by Florida in it.

The annual George Washington Festival will be held in Fredericks-burg, Virginia on Saturday, May 20th. Festivities will include a parade, historical dramas, different types of dancing from the minuet to Indian, and (of special interest to youngsters) throwing Spanish pieces-of-eight across the Rappahannock River at 10:00 a.m. Ferry Farm, which is located nearby, is the boyhood home of Washington. Although it is privately owned and not open to the public, there is interest on the national level to restore and preserve the farm as a national monument to the first President. Also of historical significance in Fredericksburg are the Mary Ball Washington House, Kenmore (the home of George's sister, Betty) and the Rising Sun Tavern which was built about 1760 by Washington's brother, Charles.

Other Virginia News: Virginia will initiate a key part of the nation's Bicentennial observance this spring by hosting 20 British families on a three-week tour of the state's attractions...A logotype designed by 18-year old Michael McMahon, a senior at Norfolk Technical Vocational Center, has been recognized by the Norfolk ARBC to embellish official materials used for the Bicentennial. McMahon's entry was chosen from some 60 designs in a contest among students in Norfolk public schools and Norfolk State College. It features an anchor in the center of a circle outlined by the Bicentennial Commission's name and stars of the original 13 states. Young McMahon won a \$100 savings bond for his design.

All of the papers submitted during the Library of Congress' May 5-6 Symposium will be published in official proceedings by the Library and available later in 1972. This was the first of five symposia made possible by a grant from The Morris and Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation of Washington, D.C.

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MAY MEETING ISSUE

The Full ARBC Commission voted on Tuesday, May 16 to reject the proposal submitted by the Philadelphia 1976 Bicentennial Corporation for an International Expo. Chairman David J. Mahoney said he would advise President Nixon of the Commission's decision. He added that Philadelphia, as the cradle of liberty, will nevertheless play an important role in the Bicentennial.

At its Full Commission meeting in Boston, the ARBC also unanimously approved "Festival USA" as a theme representing the travel and cultural aspects of the Bicentennial. "Festival USA" replaces Open House USA.

George E. Lang, Chairman of the Festival USA Committee of the ARBC announced after his committee meeting in Boston that three Chairmen of that committee's three advisory panels of artists and cultural leaders have been appointed. The Chairman of the Invitation to the World Advisory Panel will be Joe Black, former pitcher for the Dodgers and presently Vice President for Special Markets for the Greyhound Corporation. Chairman of the Creative and Visual Arts Advisory Panel is Katherine Bloom, head of the Arts Education Program at the J.D. Rockefeller III Fund. Formerly she served as Arts Consultant for the Junior Leagues of America and established the U.S. Office of Education's Arts and Humanities The Performing Arts Panel will be chaired by Howard Taubman, Journalist, author-critic of the New York Times. As music and drama critic for more than 30 years, he has maintained an interest in the arts as a total part of the society. Each will serve a term of one year commencing in June and will serve on the Festival USA Committee.

During the Tuesday Full Commission meeting George E. Lang, as Chairman of the Coins and Medal Advisory Panel, announced officially that the Philatelic-Numismatic Combination (PNC) will be issued on July 4th, through the cooperation of the U.S. Mint and the U.S. Postal Service. Mr. Lang was joined in making the announcement by Mr. Roy Cahoon, Assistant Director for Special Services of the Mint, and Mr. James Holland, Assistant Postmaster General. Orders for the official Bicentennial stamp and medal combination costing \$5.00 will be accepted after July 1, and through the month of July.

The ARBC Procedures Manual was approved in principle at the ARBC meeting in Boston, with the proviso that an ad hoc committee consisting of an ARBC Program chairman, the Communications Committee Chairman and the Director would receive written comments from members for consideration in the final Manual. All written comments are to be incorporated in the final version which will be available at the earliest possible date.

The Commission endorsed a resolution expressing its support for a National Historic Records Program. The proposal came to the Commission from the Heritage '76 program committee and called for a matching grant program to assist institutions and individuals in locating, preserving and utilizing the nation's public and private records. The resolution, offered by Mr. James Biddle, Chairman of the ARBC's Heritage '76 Committee, passed with the unanimous approval of the Commission. The ARBC awards use of the official symbol of the Commission to the program.

"Call For Achievement," a new nationwide program which encourages localities and states to initiate goal setting-achieving programs, was officially approved at the ARBC Full Commission meeting in Boston on May 16th. Mr. Erik Jonsson, Chairman of the Horizons '76 Committee, who made the announcement at the meeting, stated, "Call For Achievement has the potential to touch the lives of every American citizen. It provides an effective, democratic means by which citizens can play a significant role in shaping the future of their community." "Call For Achievement" will place a strong emphasis on State Bicentennial Commissions as the coordinating agencies for the local goal setting-achieving programs, and the ARBC through the Horizons '76 Committee will provide consultation on how to conduct such programs.

On Tuesday, May 16, in a special luncheon for the ARBC at historic Faneuil Hall, Boston Mayor Kevin White unveiled preliminary plans for BOSTON 200, the city's observance for the Bicentennial, including activities spanning tourism, education, art and physical improvements, which will begin in 1975, the 200th anniversary of events at Lexington, Concord and Bunker Hill. "BOSTON 200 incorporates a new concept," the Mayor said. "We have rejected the traditional fair ground approach and have declared the new exposition grounds to be the city itself. This approach can be summarized in a phrase, 'The City is the Exhibit.' Its implementation relies not so much on new construction, but rather on what already exists—our historic resources, our institutions and our people."

During the Full Commission Meeting of State Presentations on Monday, May 15, Mr. Ronald Banks, Chairman of the Maine ARBC Planning Commission, announced that the State Commission will be officially established on June 10. He noted that the Commission will be working with private groups to commemorate significant events which occurred in Maine--such as Arnold's March and the burning of the Town of Falmouth.

Also, during the States' Presentation Mr. Walter H. Peters, New Jersey Treasury Department, discussed the State proposal for Liberty Park, on the Hudson, surrounding the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island. It is the hope of the New Jersey Bicentennial planners to transform a degraded environment into "an oasis of open space in the midst of the most densely built area of the nation." Mr. Peters, using a slide presentation, pointed out that the Secretary of the Interior has asked the ARBC to consider as a Bicentennial need, improvements to the grounds and support facilities of the Statue of Liberty. "We in New Jersey would like to take this opportunity to take that wise recommendation further and call for the appropriate development of the Liberty Park environs," Mr. Peters added.

Senator Joseph J.C. DiCarlo, Chairman of the Massachusetts Revolutionary War Bicentennial Commission, welcomed the ARBC to Boston and discussed the multi-faceted plans of the Bay State for commemorating the Revolution. The format of the States Presentation also included reports and discussions by the following: New York plans, Dr. Louis L. Tucker, Executive Director, New York State ARBC; New Hampshire plans, Senator Nelle Holmes; Vermont plans, Mr. Peter Martin; Executive Assistant to the Governor; and the Honorable George F. McDonald, Jr. of the Rhode Island Bicentennial Commission urged all involved in planning and development of the Bicentennial observance "to get going now."

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Full reports on States' presentation will appear in next Newsletter.

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The next meeting of the ARBC Executive Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, June 21, in Washington head-quarters, and the next meeting of the ARBC Communications Committee will be held on the following day, June 22, also at Washington headquarters.

The President has signed S. 2676 which provides new authorities in the Public Health Service Act related to sickle cell anemia for screening, counseling and educational programs as well as for research and research training and authorizes appropriations totaling \$115 million for these purposes for fiscal years 1973-1975.

Iowa ARBC Secretary Kenneth Fulk said in a recent interview that he is "still certain" that Iowa will hold a world food fair in conjunction with the Bicentennial. The state legislature this year rejected plans to establish an agency to oversee preparations for a food fair, but Fulk talked of a grass-roots program to acquire support. "We're sure there will be a world food exposition, "Fulk said, "but at this time I don't know how Big it will be or even if it will be in one location." He said the primary purpose of the statewide tour, in which Bicentennial planners visited every county, was to generate support for local celebrations throughout Iowa. But he said officials received a "quick response" to ideas for continuing with the food fair despite the legislative rejection. Fulk said the master plan for the Iowa celebration includes the food fair for the state and a series of local events during the year.

The Baltimore Sun reported last week that Federal and Maryland officials have started a campaign to persuade Congress to build for \$150 to \$200 million an experimental high-speed transportation line between Annapolis and Washington in time for the Bicentennial. The proposed line would whisk tourists between the two historic Capitols at 150 miles an hour in vehicles floating along a cushion of air just above a fixed, concrete guideway. Early indications are that the plan has the support of both Transportation Secretary John Volpe and Governor Marvin Mandel.

The entire South Carolina Congressional Delegation has expressed its support of a proposal recently reviewed for the development of Hog Island in Charleston, South Carolina. In a letter to the ARBC they write: "With particular reference to the Naval Museum and Bicentennial Theme Park, it is apparent to us that these two elements seem to be totally consistent with published thematic components and criteria for the program of the American Revolutionary Bicentennial. At the present time a detailed feasibility study is being conducted and the facts contained in this study will be submitted to you at an early date. We would urge your consideration of this concept which has significant national consideration for the preservation of our heritage."

During a recent conference of the Southeast Michigan Ethnic Heritage Center, May 18-20, in Detroit, an open discussion was held of programs "between 1972 and 1976 - A Call to Action." The ARBC film was shown. The purpose of the conference was to discuss ethnic community development through inter-community cooperation.

Seattle City Councilman Bruce Chapman held a press conference recently to urge that a national Bicentennial Park be created in the Pioneer Square Historic District of Seattle. Part of the historic District is already being developed. The street area is being cobblestoned as a part of Pioneer Square Park. Highlight of that area is to be the pergola of Alaska-Yukon Exposition vintages which is being restored.

In response to Chairman Mahoney's appearance on the "TODAY" show, first-graders at the Alexander Hamilton School in Binghamton, New York sent the ARBC their ideas for "a good

present for our country when it becomes 200 years old." The childrens' suggestions ranged from "to help schools," to "helping wildlife," "to giving our country a new park... with water fountains and swings," to "putting screens on the smokestacks." Crayon colored drawings accompanied the ideas.

The Alaska State Legislature has unanimously passed, and the Governor has signed, legislation creating the Alaska ARBC. The Commission consists of the Director of the Alaska Travel Division, the Director of the State Museum, and seven additional members to be appointed by the Governor.

Julia Dovel, 9th Grade student at Buford Junior High and chairman of the Junior Committee of the Albermarle-Charlottes-ville Bicentennial Commission in Virginia won a ticket to a UVA basketball game by bringing the most young members to the first meeting of the Junior Committee. Forty-seven, between the ages of 14 and 19, attended the first meeting and Julia hopes that the momentum established at that time keeps up. The Juniors are planning educational and clean-up projects and a long-range program for the opening of the George Rogers Clark Amphitheater in the summer of '74. Julia is enthusiastic about the group where young people can initiate ideas and where both history and governmental process can be learned while having fun.

The Virginia Tidewater Regional Bicentennial Commission met recently in Smithfield, Va., and adopted a resolution supporting a scenic display at Yorktown depicting the decisive American Revolution Battle of Yorktown. Speaking before the group Parke Rouse, Jr., of the State Bicentennial Commission outlined plans of various Virginia localities for the Bicentennial.

Pawtuxet, R.I. is about to observe the 200th anniversary of the burning of the revenue schooner Gaspee, which the British had sent to the Colonies to enforce the Stamp Act by harassing smugglers. Barbara Walters on the May 23rd TODAY show noted that the Rhode Islanders' celebration will include an arts and crafts festival on the streets of Pawtuxet on June 3, 4, and 5, culminating in a costumed parade on June 10 and a clambake on June 11.

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June 5, 1972

The Bulletin erred last week in listing the dates of the next ARBC Executive and Communications Committee meetings. The dates were reversed. The correct meeting times are Wednesday, June 21, Communications Committee meeting in Washington and Thursday, June 22, Executive Committee meeting also at ARBC headquarters in Washington, D.C.

David R. Halaas, a youth member of the ARBC's Philatelic Advisory Panel as well as the Society of Philatelic Americans, writes in his recent "From the Future" column: "The nation's 200th birthday is something to celebrate! And what better way than through and with our nation's postage stamps! All S.P.A. chapters should begin making plans on how they can participate in the Bicentennial activities in their community. The possibilities are numerous...from a display of the nation's history through stamps in the community center, bank or library, to a large philatelic exhibition, museum or library...honoring the Bicentennial."

The 81st annual conference of the Connecticut Library Association was told recently of a plan, "Target '76," to provide "total library service for all the people of Connecticut." Virginia B. Dowell, Chairman of the conference's Development Committee, said the title "Target '76" was chosen to mark the end of a five-year period of planning as a meaningful way to honor the Bicentennial.

New York City Mayor John Lindsay has appointed J. Clarence Davies as Chairman of the New York City ARBC, which was established in January, 1971. Davies, who replaces Thomas P. Hoving, was selected unanimously. The commission is composed of 45 unsalaried members appointed by the Mayor, the Council and the National Shrines Association.

Newport News, Virginia, Bicentennial Commission has endorsed the idea of a cyclorama at Yorkstown as a Bicentennial program. The idea of featuring the surrender as the focal point in a cyclorama has been discussed with the National Park Service and the city commission will now proceed with an investigation of cost before sending the idea to the State Bicentennial Commission for their endorsement.

For an edition of The Papers of Robert Morris (1734-1806), The Financier of the American Revolution, the editors desire information on the location of manuscripts in obscure places or belonging to private collectors. The collection of the papers is being prepared under the aegis of the National Historical Publications Commission and is nearly completed. Any information can be sent to E. James Ferguson or John Catanzariti, City University of New York, Graduate School and University Center, 33 West 42nd Street, New York, NY 10036.

A handsome mountain scene, attributed to the important Hudson River School painter Thomas Cole, hitherto unknown to art historians, has been discovered in a massive federal search for early American paintings. It is the most important find so far by the Bicentennial Inventory of American Paintings Executed before 1914, being compiled by the National Collection of Fine Arts, a branch of the Smithsonian Institution. Miss Abigail Booth, Coordinator of the Inventory, has enlisted the aid of museums, historical societies and other organizations in her search for every picture painted in the country before 1914. The group has printed notices about their inventory for all American paintings and will continue in the search as a Bicentennial program. The British-born Cole, 1801-48, was a leader of the Hudson River School, the first important group of American landscape painters.

The first resolution adopted at the recent 79th annual convention of the Utah Federation of Women's Clubs dealt with the Bicentennial and urges all women's clubs to cooperate in state and local commemoration of the national anniversary.

The New Jersey Historical Society and the State Historical Commission will jointly sponsor the compilation and publication of a documentary history of Afro-Americans in New Jersey. The aim of the volume is to make available to students, teachers and the general public some of the most significant writings pertaining to the much-neglected history of black people in New Jersey. It is intended as a reader covering the entire period from early colonial times to the present, containing a wide range of primary source materials and historical studies. Publication is anticipated in 1973. The sponsoring agencies conceive the book as an important contribution to the forthcoming American Revolution Bicentennial.

"How about licking the drug problem by 1976 as a national birthday present?" suggested John E. Ingersoll, Director of the Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs. Mr. Ingersoll feels that a dramatic turnabout from the present drug epidemic is not only feasible but rather to be expected. He noted that, given the conditions of this country today it is conceivable that the drug scourge could be reduced from the present epidemic status to the mere state of a "tolerable irritant" in the next four years. In another year or so, programs are under way to have drug treatment centers in operation within reach of everyone in the country. Mr. Ingersoll is so optimistic that this Bicentennial goal of the Bureau's can be met that he said in an interview last week that he will remove himself as Director if the goal is not met by 1976.

Nine Philadelphia cultural institutions have formed the Greater Philadelphia Cultural Alliance to help plan a Bicentennial program for the city in 1976, according to Dr. William W. Marvel, President of the Academy of Natural Sciences and Chairman of the new group. The other institutions include the Academy of Music, the Franklin Institute, the Free Library of Philadelphia, the Library Company of Philadelphia, the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, the Philadelphia Museum of Art, the Philadelphia Orchestra Association and the Zoological Garden.

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"Festival USA" Committee Chairman George E. Lang addressed a meeting of the National Music Publishers Association, Inc. in New York on Thursday, June 8. Showing for the first time slides created to depict the new theme Mr. Lang stated, "Festival USA is firmly focused on people - - all the people and the multiplicity of their ideas, their expressions, their interests which best convey the diversity of our culture, the warmth of our hospitality, the vitality of our society, the traditions we draw on and the traditions we create." Commissioner Lang also urged the music publisher executives to set the pace in their industry and to get involved in the planning for the Bicentennial now.

The South Dakota ARBC has designated Deadwood, South Dakota, as the state's first Bicentennial Historic City. The official designation by the State Commission was granted during its May 26 full Commission meeting.

Kansas Governor Robert Docking announced on Thursday, June 1, that he has appointed Morris Krouse, Witchita businessman, as chairman of the Kansas ARBC, to serve at the pleasure of the Governor.

The May 25 Miami News carried an editorial entitled "Miami Lends a Hand," commending the city manager for releasing an \$8.5 million lien on Interama so the Authority can issue bonds to raise construction cash. The editorial states, "There is no reason why Interama should not move ahead successfully from now on . . . given the kind of interagency cooperation demonstrated by the city. About a dozen other state, local and private agencies are now working harmoniously toward an opening in time for the national Bicentennial in 1976."

Commission Member, Ann Hawkes Hutton, was the principal speaker at a meeting recently of the Delaware Valley Women's Chapter of Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge. Mrs. Hutton spoke on the theme "You and the Bicentennial."

Gadsby's Tavern, one of the oldest Colonial structures in the Washington, D.C. area, will be ceded to the City of Alexandria under a recent proposal by the American Legion on the condition it be restored in time for the Bicentennial in 1976. The 220-year old tavern where General George Washington recruited soldiers for the Indian Campaign in 1752 stands adjacent to the City Hotel built 40 years later, which is also slated to be restored for the Bicentennial by the City of Alexandria.

The Colorado Centennial-Bicentennial Commission is seeking entries in a contest to pick an emblem. The competition closes July 4. The winner will be picked on July 21 and announced August 1. Governor John Love is chairing the judging committee. "The designs should feature some distinctive element or elements of Colorado's history, traditional natural setting, people or its future, in keeping with the Centennial's theme of Heritage, Hospitality and Horizons," according to the Commission.

"Fabric of the State," the first of five annual shows exploring different crafts in New York State, is a new exhibit at the Museum of American Folk Art in New York City. The show, part of a series contributing to New York State's celebration of the country's Bicentennial, is sponsored by the New York State Council on the Arts. In successive years, culminating in 1976, the museum will hold exhibitions on the arts of paper, wood, ceramics and metals.

Nationwide support for the arts--a \$200 million appropriation for the National Endowment for the Arts--is being urged by Amyas Ames, board chairman of Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts, and chairman of the Partnership for the Arts, self-described as a citizens' arts lobby. The lobby is asking for the \$200 million--"just \$1 dollar for each American"--to celebrate the 1976 Bicentennial.

"Awareness of Human Needs on the Eve of Century III," a reference to the Nation's Bicentennial in 1976, is the theme for an Iowa program designed to bring the general population and academic humanists into "dialogue" on issues of public policy. The National Endowment for the Humanities has granted \$157,290 to the program which will give the adult population greater exposure to the ideas of philosophers, historians, writers and other academic humanists. Philip Shively, executive secretary of the program, said, "The Iowa program in the humanities wants to insure that opportunities for every citizen at every educational and economic level exists so that a person has the chance to acquire a knowledge of the humanities and an understanding of the traditions and principles of our culture. The hope is to develop, through on-going communications, a climate in Iowa where new problems can be faced in a rational manner and humanistic considerations can be given priority."

The ARBC's International Activities staff has received a communique from the Order of Ahepa, the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association, the leading Greek-American national fraternal organization, announcing the establishment of its Bicentennial Committee. Ahepa plans to emphasize two themes in its Bicentennial program planning—the influence of Greek history and Greek thought on the American Revolution and on the founding fathers, as well as the significant contribution of Greek-Americans to the history and culture of the U.S. Mr. George E. Perry, Greek area specialist at the Library of Congress, has been appointed Chairman of the Committee.

The New York Times in Books of the Times recently reviewed four new books anticipating the Bicentennial. The selections include: From Resistance to Revolution by Pauline Maier; Rebels and Redcoats by George Scheer and Hugh Rankin; Remarkable Providences by John Demos; and Colonies Into Nation by Lawrence S. Kaplan.

The Poughkeepsie (N.Y.) Journal has announced that the Dutchess County, N.Y. ARBC has been created by the Office of the County Executive, consisting of twenty-one county residents. Professor Jack Lippman of Dutchess Community College has been elected chairman of the Commission, which hopes to invite all county historians and town officials to participate in the organization of a county-wide program.

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The U.S. Mint and the ARBC are coordinating efforts on a National Program to announce the availability of the first Bicentennial Medal as a single commemorative in a black display case. The program will commence in October, and all orders will be filled starting early in November.

State Representative Floyd M. Sack, Chairman of the Colorado Centennial-Bicentennial Commission and J.R. Albi, Executive Director of the Commission, have sent the ARBC a most informative and all-inclusive Status Report covering the first eight months the Commission has been in operation. This thorough report includes information on all planned phases of the Colorado Bicentennial plans.

William L. Barry, Chairman of the Tennessee ARBC has announced the appointment of David W. Bowen as the Commission's Executive Director. Mr. Bowen assumed his duties September 1, 1972 in the Cordell Hull State Office Building (C2-215), Nashville. A native Tennessean, Bowen worked with the Andrew Johnson Papers project and was formerly an editorial assistant for the Publications of the East Tennessee Historical Society.

Steve Zumbach, 22, youngest member of the Iowa ARBC and also president of the Iowa State University Student Body, was a featured speaker with U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Earl L. Butz at an annual meeting of the American Institute of Cooperation in Ames. The occasion was the "Banquet of Generations" attended by 2,500 national farm cooperative leaders.

New Appointments: W. Keith Weekly has been appointed by Florida Lieutenant Governor Tom Adams to serve as assistant director of the Florida Bicentennial Commission...Leslie C. Peacock has been named chairman of the Mayor's Bicentennial Committee for San Francisco, California...Donald Searcy, associate professor of geography at Kearney State College, has been selected chairman for the "Horizons '76" Committee of the Nebraska ARBC...Murray Goodman has been employed as program director for the Iowa ARBC.

Walter Brahm, State Librarian of Connecticut in Hartford, is requesting information on the 1,000 trees planted in 1876 to commemorate the nation's 100th anniversary. Such trees may be used as part of the Bicentennial celebration in 1976.

The Michigan Bicentennial Commission has officially requested that Michigan be designated the "Transportation State" for the Bicentennial. Lieutenant Governor James H. Brickley, Chairman of the Commission, stated that acquiring the transportation designation for Michigan is of utmost importance in calling attention to all of the contributions Michigan has made in this area. "But more importantly, I see the designation as an opportunity to develop new modes of transportation to meet the future needs of the State of Michigan," said Lieutenant Governor Brickley.

Those of you who have requested the official ARBC film, "A Call to Action," have been placed on a waiting list. Please be patient. Although the supply of prints is limited and demands have increased, the Office of Communications will make every effort to service the requests as quickly as possible.

Item from the Summer Issue of the <u>Connecticut Bicentennial</u> <u>Gazette</u> headlined "British and Americans to Shoot with, Not at Fach Other at Blue Trail"—The Blue Trail Range Corporation which has facilities in East Wallingford for shooting any type of firearm from an 18th century musket to a cannon has issued as invitation to the competitive shooters of Great Britain to gather with the group in 1976. Plans are also being made to tour the guests from Great Britain about the State during their visit.

The Virginia Independence Bicentennial Commission met in Williamsburg on September 11th. The Commission members discussed the form of a proposed VIBC film which will be produced with Federal grant money. The Commission's first film, by Andre de la Varre Productions, deals with sites of Revolutionary significance in Virginia as they appear today, The film should be available for showing this fall.

At the Full Commission Meeting in Washington, D.C. on September 7 and 8, the Commission Members adopted the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the national direction of the ARBC will affect the philosophy and the programs of the regional and State Bicentennial commissions; and

WHEREAS, the ARPC is morally and legally mandated to recognize and involve all American citizens; and

WHEREAS, many American citizens today feel not recognized and not involved; and

WHEREAS, the true spirit of democracy assures participation to each individual citizen.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT REITERATED AND RESOLVED:

- 1. That the ARBC acknowledge the ethnic and cultural diversity of our citizenry and the contribution of this pluralism to America.
- 2. That the ARBC encourage and enhance this pluralism in the observation of the 200th Anniversary.
- 3. That the ARBC, as a Commission and through its program committees, actively and consistently seek the participation of all constituencies in the planning, development and implementation of our Nation's Bicentennial.

The Idaho ARBC recently endorsed an oral history program as one part of its Bicentennial activities. Mr. Meredith Neil, Executive Director of the Commission, commented that there are still many pioneers in their 80's and 90's who should be taped as soon as possible. Mr. Meredith said, "The program has tremendous popular appeal." The IARBC will also gather existing tapes from all areas of Idaho and plans to recruit volunteers to assist in the enormous task of transcription.

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The Full Commission will meet in Washington, D.C. on December 7 and 8. It has been recommended that the Commission meet in February, 1973 and every two months thereafter.

On September 28th Chairman David J. Mahoney delivered a short address on the rebirth and rededication of citizen involvement in our 200th Anniversary aboard the sailing vessel WAVERTREE at the South Street Seaport in New York. At the conclusion of his remarks the Chairman announced the official recognition of the Seaport Project voted by the full Commission at its September meeting.

ARBC Communications Committee will meet in New York City on October 18.

Prominent Americans from fields such as education, transportation, recreation, communications and health met in Washington, D.C. on September 25 for the first Horizons '76 Advisory Group meeting. The interdisciplinary group will recommend guidelines and goals, evaluate proposals and aid in the creation of innovative projects. ARBC Commissioner Nancy Porter, Chairperson of the Horizons '76 Committee, led the session. Advisory Group members were given an orientation on the purposes and themes of the Bicentennial with a special focus on Horizons '76. The afternoon discussion centered on setting the dimensions of the Horizons area and selecting priorities. The Advisory group will meet again in January.

Kim Beachum, a senior at York High, and Liz Hamilton, a recent graduate, were named youth activities advisers to the York County (Va.) Bicentennial Interest Group during a recent meeting. To kick off youth involvement in Bicentennial activities, a fashion show will be held in Yorktown with a "then and now" theme. Jeannie Kennedy and Bruce Bingle, students at Tabb High, will assist with the show.

At a recent ceremony marking the official creation of the Maine ARBC, Governor Kenneth M. Curtis stated, "It is my hope that by the time we do celebrate our nation's 200th birthday, we truly will have something to celebrate.... the realization that the men who wrote our Declaration of Independence set goals for us that we have finally and fully attained."

The B'nai B'rith Philatelic Service is offering a first-day cover commemorating the start of the Bicentennial observance of the American Revolution. The cover, postmarked July 4, 1971 with a "first day of issue" cancellation of the 8-cent ARBC commemorative stamp, also features sepia-renderings of Rabbi Gershom Mendes Seixas, Revolutionary War patriot, and the Liberty Bell with its quotation from Leviticus, "Proclaim Liberty through the Land and to all the inhabitants thereof."

The National Commission of the Library & Information Sciences held its first regional meeting in Chicago on September 27. Two hundred attendees from 11 mid-western states were presented a paper on the proposed Bicentennial Information Network (BINET). The paper, written by the ARBC staff Information & Research Coordinator, describes the present concepts for handling the vast amounts of information directly related to the Bicentennial Era and its numerous projects, the Master Calendar of Events and the Master Historical Calendar.

ARBC has received copies of "Onondaga County's Plan for the National Bicentennial--1976" which was prepared by the Cultural Resources Council of Syracuse (N.Y.). The comprehensive report contains some excellent plans of civic, educational, arts, and history organizations; villages, towns and City of Syracuse; business, industry, media and individuals.

Dr. Frank R. Mark, '76 Federal Health Coordinator, recently held a meeting with representatives from major Federal agencies that have health-related responsibilities. The group discussed the current status of Bicentennial health plans and Bicentennial recommendations from the U.S. Bicentennial Health Conference held at Berwick Academy, Maine in July.

The Rhode Island Bicentennial Commission recently endorsed the Gaspee Days celebration for 1973 and a series of Bicentennial debates by high school students to be conducted nationwide and sponsored by the Bicentennial Council of the 13 Original States.

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"A Firebell in the Night," the sixth episode in Alistair Cooke's 13 installment TV series "America" was previewed at Ford's Theater in Washington on September 25. The preview was jointly sponsored by the National Trust for Historic Preservation and Time-Life films and was preceded by a reception at the carefully preserved Stephen Decatur House on Jackson Place near the White House. Guest of honor Cooke whose series was co-produced by Time-Life and the BBC promised that the programs would "shake up the high school textbooks." The series, subtitled "A Personal History of the United States," will be shown on NBC alternate Tuesday beginning November 14.

Proclamation 4152 issued by the President on September 13, 1972 designated Wednesday, October 11, 1972 as General Pulaski's Memorial Day. General Casimir Pulaski died a hero in the Battle of Savannah on October 11, 1779. He was one of the earliest of the many individuals of Polish ancestry who were involved in this country's struggle for freedom. In his proclamation President Nixon said, "In commemorating General Pulaski's dedication to liberty, we also honor the significant contributions made to this Nation by generations of Americans of Polish ancestry. It is fitting, in remembering General Pulaski's example, that we rededicate ourselves to the fundamental principles of freedom and justice for all on which this Nation was founded and for which Casimir Pulaski fought and gave his life."

The Southwest Regional Alliance held its fall meeting in Colorado Springs (Colo.) September 21 through 23. Attending were representatives of the State Bicentennial Commissions of Arizona, California, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas. Floyd Sack of Colorado was elected Chairman and Mrs. Vicki Nash of Nevada, Vice-Chairman for the coming year. The representatives discussed Indian participation in the Bicentennial, numismatic issues, labor and military involvement, the media, Bicentennial films and state programs. The next meeting will be held in Nevada in March, 1973

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On September 28 the House of Representatives approved, by a vote of 300 to 19, a revised authorization bill for ARBC through February 15, 1973. The House bill authorizes \$3.5 million for the period through February 15, 1973, including an amount not to exceed \$2.4 million as the second grant for State Commissions. The bill includes the provisions for matching project grants to State and local Commissions and non-profit organizations, with such grants to be funded exclusively with nonappropriated funds, i.e., revenues and donations.

Julius Rudel, Music Director of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, is planning an American Music Retrospective during the Bicentennial year, including work songs, gospels and other influences on American music.

The National Medical Association (NMA) received a Bicentennial certificate of official recognition on October 1 for its national program aimed at conquering sickle cell anemia. Presentation of the certificate and the national Bicentennial flag was made by Commission Member Ms. Nancy Porter, Chairperson of the Horizons '76 Committee, to Dr. Edmund C. Casey, President of NMA, at the dedication of the association's first headquarters building. Ms. Porter praised the NMA officials and members for their initiative in setting 1976 as NMA's target date for the development of an advocacy program against sickle cell anemia.

The House of Representatives approved a bill on October 3rd authorizing construction of a convention center south of Mount Vernon Square as a Bicentennial Memorial to the late president, Dwight D. Eisenhower. A similar bill has passed the Senate.

The "Taxation of Colonies Act," a relic from the War of Independence, was ruled by the Law Commission in Great Britain, as no longer of practical utility. The Commission recommended its repeal together with 257 obsolete laws going back as far as the year 1424.

At its 1972 annual meeting in New York City, July 2-7, the National Environmental Health Association passed a resolution to support the American Revolution Bicentennial Commission. The resolution, sponsored by John J. McHugh, past president of the association, is in direct accord with the principles of the Bicentennial thematic area, HORIZONS '76: "Resolved, that the National Environmental Health Association supports the American Bicentennial Commission and desires to work with all federal, state and local governments and other interested organizations to achieve a quality environment for all of our citizens by the time of our nation's 200th birthday on July 4, 1976."

ARBC Speaks Out

Thomasine Hill, Commission Member, participated in the New Haven Conference of the Western History Association in New Haven, Connecticut. Mrs. Ann Hawkes Hutton Commission Member spoke to the Georgia Historical Society in Savannah. Hugh A. Hall, Acting Director of ARBC, addressed members of the Bicentennial Council of the Thirteen Original States in Durham, (N.H.) on October 7. John McCormick, a member of the ARBC Invitation to the World Advisory Panel and President of COSFRV, addressed the International Institute of Greater Toledo in Ohio. Del Black, ARBC Regional Coordinator, spoke to the Nebraska State Historical Society, in Lincoln. Bill Hart, Federal-D.C. Bicentennial Coordinator for the President, addressed the Washington Forum at the Lawyers' Club in Washington, D.C.

Mrs. Margo Russell, Editor of Coin World, has editorially urged the revival of the \$2 bank-note for the Bicentennial with Thomas Jefferson on the face of such a bill, and the replacement of a view of his home in Monticello with a Bicentennial theme. The weekly magazine also endorsed a 50-cent fractional currency note, to be treated as a souvenir item.

Sen. J. Glenn Beall Jr., (Md.) introduced a bill on September 25 authorizing a feasibility study and subsequent construction of a high-speed ground and water transportation system to link Washington with two historic centers in Maryland and Virginia by 1976. The Bicentennial celebration, Senator Beall noted will bring millions of visitors to the D.C. area. He said the proposed transportation system "will provide visitors with an exciting means of seeing the historical cities and sights of the region, and at the same time provide a practical demonstration of a technologically advanced transportation system..." Senator Beall said that he is "hopeful the Commerce Committee will hold hearings on the bill this year."

As a fund-raising project, the Alexandria Bicentennial Commission, (Va.) sponsored a drawing contest which drew 121 entries. Artists were asked to submit line drawings, preferably of Old Town historic properties. Frank Wright, head of the Drawing Department of Georgetown University, selected 12 winning entries. The drawings will be reproduced and will go on sale at local shops in the near future.

The eight-team member 4-H Report to the Nation group visited ARBC Headquarters on October 2nd. The Reporters, representing four million 4-H'ers and speaking for 13 million young people in 4-H type organizations in 87 countries around the world draw on their own experience and training to inform leaders in Government, business, industry, agriculture, education and civic groups about the current nationwide 4-H program. Team Members are: Linda Saathoff (Md.); Michael Scales (Va.); Kim Shaffer (Minn.); Suzonne Quave (La.); Beverly Prater (Colo.); Mike McNamee, Jr. (Wyo.); Stephanie Ballentine (N.C.); and Rodd Moesel (Okla.).

Historical events which relate to the Bicentennial Era:

October 12, 1776--Battle of Throg's Neck, New York. A handful of American riflemen bottle up and hold off a superior British force. October 13, 1775--Congress authorizes a Navy. Votes to outfit two ships of ten guns each. October 14, 1774--First Continental Congress adopts a Declaration of Rights. Declares rights of the colonies had been violated. Adopted in an effort to secure repeal of Parliament's Coercive Acts.
October 16, 1773--Philadelphia citizens resolve that tea duty is taxation without representation.

In an editorial captioned, "Make the Bicentennial Meaningful," the editor of the Decatur, (Ill.) Herald states, "The most useful 'celebration' the Commission might arrange is to encourage a re-examination by scholars of the philosophical underpinnings of the revolution. There is a need for scholarly documentation of the failure by the Founding Fathers to include Blacks and women among those eligible for the full rights of citizenship." Other suggestions: "Why not a Jefferson Prize for imaginative design of public housing facilities? Or one for artists named on behalf of John Copley, the painter? One might be established in Mr. Franklin's name to encourage research to alleviate pollution from power plants."

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The Women's Organizations Coalition for the Bicentennial met in Washington, D.C. September 28 to define criteria for participation in the Coalition and to develop a program for planning and structure. Six additional national women's organizations sent representatives to the meeting which already claims the participation of over 25 national organizations. The new groups are: The National Council of Women, USA; Communications Workers of America; The AFL-CIO National Auxiliary; the Professional Women's Caucus; the American Association of Colleges; and the American Newspaper Women's Clubs.

Thurston Twigg-Smith, Chairman of the Hawaii Bicentennial Commission announces the appointment of John Pincetich as Executive Director of the Commission. Pincetich is a former Island journalist and Peace Corps official. In the latter capacity, his management of volunteer programs in education, health, agriculture and community development extended throughout the Pacific Basin, Africa and Asia.

Bruce LeRoy, Director of the Washington State ARBC, reports that the Commission has endorsed a Bicentennial project of the Washington State Historical Society. The Society is planning two historic expeditions which will follow the track of Captain James Cook. The first will begin on Puget Sound and then proceed to the Hawaiian Islands. The second tour will be on a chartered ship traveling to Nootka Sound and then on to Alaska. All interested persons are invited to go along on either Bicentennial tour. LeRoy commented, "We think that the 'Cook tours' will help the citizens of this region to relate more directly to the period of the American Revolution and will also provide some 'fun and games' of a meaningful nature. It may be a 'first' for the country."

ARBC Speaks Out

ARBC staff members represented the Commission at the National Congress on Parks and Recreation held in Anaheim, Calif. ARBC program officers addressed the Creative Initiative Foundation in Palo Alto, Calif. and the American School Health Association in San Diego, Calif.

The 4-H Picentennial Community Pride Project for South Dakota was launched at a workshop October 12-13 at Camp Lakodia. The project coordinates a statewide cleanup and beautification program for the State's Bicentennial observance. The workshop provided adult leaders and older 4-Hers with training in organizing community projects. Arnie Stenseth, Director of the South Dakota Bicentennial Commission, gave a talk at the conclusion of the sessions.

Prince George's County Md. ARBC officially began its fouryear program with an informal breakfast meeting in New Carrollton on September 30. The 13-member Commission headed by Chairman Harry L. Durity presented its goals and purposes to the group which represented civic associations, service clubs and professional organizations throughout the county.

With the financial assistance of a \$60,000 grant from Florida's Bicentennial Commission, the State Division of Archives, History and Records Management is now conducting archaeological and historical research on Indian Key, site of Dade County's original county seat, and at Fort Alabama-Foster, near Tampa. Plans call for the completion of interpretive development and opening of the sites to the public by January 1, 1976.

A. K. Johnson Jr. of Atlanta, recently retired as regional commissioner of the National Archives and Records Service, has been named to head the Georgia Commission for the National Bicentennial Celebration. Rep. Alan S. Gaynor, Chairman of the Commission, said, "Mr. Johnson will be a valuable asset to the Commission, not only through his educational and professional achievements but by his close association over a long number of years with historical and archival groups."

The National Association of Evangelicals, a 3-1/2 million member association which includes 33 small denominations, suggests that Sunday, July 4, 1976, be set aside as a day of worship and thanksgiving to God, with national celebrations to take place on July 5, the legal holiday.

Orville and Wilbert Wright's airplane which was launched from a North Carolina sand dune will find a new home in the \$40 million National Air and Space Museum to be constructed by the Smithsonian Institution and due to open on July 4, 1976. In keeping with President Nixon's Fourth of July address to the nation in which he asked the travel industry "to bring the cost of travel, lodging and meals within the reach" of millions of foreign visitors and U.S. residents, Greyhound has introduced Ameripass, a new unlimited 60-day ticket. The Ameripass will allow a traveler to go anywhere in the USA over Greyhound's routes for the \$149.50 cost of the ticket.

Ken Robinson, 18-year old member of the ARBC Horizons Advisory Group and pre-med student of Harvard University, will represent Miss Nancy Porter, Commission Member and Chairperson of Horizons '76 Committee at the Massachusetts Horizon Program Medical Symposium which will be held in Boston on October 21.

Historical events which relate to the Bicentennial Era:

October 16, 1773--Philadelphia citizens resolve that tea duty is taxation without representation. October 18, 1776--Polish volunteer Thaddeus Kosciusko commissioned a colonel of engineers by Congress. October 19, 1774--Ship Peggy Stewart burned at Annapolis for defiance of non-importation agreement. October 20, 1774--First Continental Congress adopts the "Association." This provided that each town and county should have a Committee of Safety to observe violations of non-importation resolutions, effective December 1. Ratified by all colonies except New York and Georgia within six months.

James Biddle, Commission Member and president of the National Trust for Historic Preservation attended the dedication ceremonies at Cliveden, the historic home of the Chew family for two centuries, in Philadelphia, (Pa.) on October 5. The Georgian house was built by Benjamin Chew, Attorney General and Chief Justice of colonial Pennsylvania in 1763. "With its furnishings and papers," said Mr. Biddle, "Cliveden is one of the most important 18th-century houses in America. Opening it as a museum is our first major effort in the trust's observance of the American Bicentennial."

New appointments: James W. Morris, formerly with the <u>Daily</u> Oklahoman and the Oklahoma City Times, has been appointed as Public Information Director for the Oklahoma ARBC....Mayor Gino J. Arconti of Danbury, (Conn.) has appointed an American Revolution Bicentennial Steering Committee headed by Albert E. Hamilton, a former City Planning Commission member.

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OCTOBER 30, 1972

In an effort to select an outstanding Director for the ARBC, Chairman David J. Mahoney has appointed a special panel of Commissioners headed by former Congressman John O. Marsh (D-Va.) to conduct an intensive search for an exceptional citizen to direct the day-to-day administration of all Bicentennial affairs. The public, and especially ARBC publication readers, is encouraged to submit names of possible candidates to Chairman David J. Mahoney, ARBC, 736 Jackson Place, N.W., Washington, D.C., 20276. All interested individuals will be considered by the special panel, and recommendations will be submitted to Chairman Mahoney for action.

The Washington Post (D.C.) in a news item on October 24 reported that a Bicentennial celebration in the nation's birthplace has been resurrected by the federal government. Mayor Frank L. Rizzo of Philadelphia indicated that federal officials are working on a place to have the city play a "key role" in the nation's 200th birthday. Kenneth Cole, domestic affairs assistant to President Nixon, and Philadelphia Bicentennial President William Rafsky said weekly meetings will be held and a plan announced by November.

"The greatest priority in the 1976 Centennial Bicentennial celebration should be the inclusion of Indians," declared Mrs. Helen L. Peterson, field liaison officer for the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Denver, at the Southwest Regional Alliance meeting of the ARBC in Colorado Springs recently. She suggested that a booklet might be in order telling the history of the Indian and their present relation to other groups in the U.S. so that visitors during the Bicentennial Era would know the Indian as an individual and not the sterotype they see in movies. Furthermore, she said, the Indians offer the highest degree of heritage in the aspect of arts and crafts which would add great beauty to the celebration.

The November meeting of the ARBC Executive Committee is scheduled for Thursday, November 9, 1972, in Washington, D.C.

Cecelia M. Kenyon, Charles N. Clark Professor of Government at Smith College, has been appointed to the Advisory Committee for the Library of Congress American Revolution Bicentennial Program, Librarian and Commission Member L. Quincy Mumford has announced. Professor Kenyon joins nine other distinguished historians who advise the Library in the development of plans for its observance of the Bicentennial.

The Idaho Bicentennial Commission met in Lewiston on October 27. To encourage state-wide participation in the Commission's activities, the meeting was one of several to be held in different areas of the state and the public was invited to attend. The Commission visited the Lenore archeological site near Lewiston, where numerous Indian artifacts have been uncovered that date back 10,000 years. The site is being considered by the Commission as an outdoor exhibit open to the public.

From the Fall Issue of the New Hampshire Gazette, a publication of the N.H. ARBC: A proclamation issued on July 27 by His Excellency Governor Walter Peterson to Honorable Captain Daniel McLeod of Barrington uses wording adapted from N.H. militia documents of the Revolutionary War period. "Sir - You are hereby empowered immediately to enlist a Company of Minutemen to consist of as many able-bodied effective men as possible, well accoutred with arms and equipment and uniforms, Including Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers, Musick and Privates, as Soldiers in the New Hampshire Voluntary Militia Service." And they shall be trained and mustered for the ceremony and celebration proper and appropriate to historical celebrations, and especially the Bicentennial Anniversary of the American Revolutionary War and that immortal Declaration of Independence that gave birth to our Nation."

The Nebraska ARBC has opened an office in Lincoln, and Mrs. Eleanor Crosier is the new administrative assistant of the Commission.

Mrs. Peggy Curry, Chairman of the Wyoming Bicentennial Commission, announces the publication of a book, "Documents of Wyoming Heritage," the first of a series of historical publications to be issued during the Bicentennial years. The book, scheduled to be released next July, will reprint in original form some 50 or more documents which played an important part in the state's heritage or development."

Yorktown Day festivities were held on October 19 to spotlight the National Park Service's centennial and the agency's role in the Nation's Bicentennial. Yorktown Day commemorated the 191st anniversary of the allied victory by the colonial American and French forces. The new French ambassador to the United States, Jacques Kosciusko-Morizet, delivered greetings from the people of France. The French army and navy under General Rochambeau played a vital role in the allied victory.

The Director of the South Dakota ARBC, Arnie Stenseth, announced that brochures outlining the South Dakota Bicentennial are now available. Stenseth said that the Commission hopes the brochure will show how South Dakota relates to the Nation's 200th birthday celebration. It has been designed so that it can be used as educational material in classrooms and displays.

The recreation of the Battle of White Plains (N.Y.) which was originally fought on October 28, 1776 was held on October 22 this year. The 10th Regiment, Foot with Hon. Col. Vincent J-R Kehoe, Commanding, sent two companies plus the Regimental Staff for the historic reenactment.

The Georgia Commission for the National Bicentennial Celebration which met recently in Savannah approved the publication of the remaining 14 volumes of the Colonial Records over the next seven years. Hon. Alan S. Gaynor, Commission Chairman, termed the records "invaluable information" and said the Commission will edit and publish two volumes each year with the first volumes due off the press within a year.

The Iroquois in the American Revolution, a book by Barbara Graymont, is the first full-length study of the Iroquois Indians in the Revolutionary War period. The book may be purchased for \$11.50 from the Syracuse University Press, Box 8, University Station, Syracuse, N.Y. 13210.

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Washington's historic Union Station will be transformed into a National Visitor Center by 1976. A Lease and an Agreement between the railroads and U.S. Government were signed recently at ceremonies in the office of Interior Secretary Morton. The Center will serve as a reception and orientation facility for the anticipated 35,000,000 visitors who will be visiting the Nation's capital during the Bicentennial year.

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The Bicentennial '76 Class of Hampden Sydney College (founded in Virginia in 1776) was presented at Convocation '72, the inauguration of the Bicentennial on October 17-18. Guest speakers were Arthur S. Link, Ph.D., Professor of American History at Princeton University, Thomas K. Wolfe, Jr., Ph.D., author and journalist, and Benjamin Haile DeMott, Ph.D., Professor of English at Amherst College.

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ARBC has received the first issue of "Our Past Is...PROLOGUE," the official newsletter of the Colorado Centennial-Bicentennial Commission. The first page of the attractive newsletter shows Governor John A. Love displaying the winning entry in the Commission's emblem contest and the Commission theme, "1876-100 Years of Progress - 1000 Years of Promise - 1976."

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Michael Gleason, young executive director of the Albemarle-Charlottesville ARBC, urged the 300 participants at the West Virginia Association of Student Councils annual convention to "get involved now in Bicentennial projects in their communities." The three-day conference, themed "Grass Roots Leadership", assembled student council leaders throughout the State on October 15-17.

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Boy Scouts of America recently marked the national kickoff of its "Boypower '76" campaign, aimed at involving one out of every three American boys in Scouting by 1976.

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Haym Salomon, a Polish refugee of Jewish-Portuguese ancestry who immigrated to America 200 years ago, will be honored by a Bicentennial medal sponsored by the Judah L. Magnes Memorial Museum in Berkely, California. Salomon loaned American Revolution leaders vast sums of money without interest. Those loans plus investments in Revolutionary paper currency represented an example of the man's devotion to the cause, particularly when it is noted that his family was left almost penniless at his death.

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The Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps, part of the Army's ceremonial unit and escort for the President, hosted "The Old Guard Ancient Muster" at Fort Myer on October 14. Billed as a prelude to the Bicentennial, more than 500 musicians representing 20 fife and drum corps wearing a variety of 18th century costumes, participated in the day-long event. The muster, sponsored by the Army's Military District of Washington, D.C., was the first held in the Washington area and the first hosted by the armed services in the U.S.

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The Ad Hoc American Revolution Bicentennial Committee, appointed by President Catharine Barrett to initiate plans for the National Education Association's observance of the Bicentennial, held its first meeting in Washington, D.C. on October 6.

Mrs. Barrett said, "The American Revolution Bicentennial offers an important opportunity for this nation to observe a new commitment to the ideas for which the Revolution was fought," and also, "...presents the NEA with opportunities to strengthen support for the cause of education."

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The District of Columbia Bicentennial Commission has published the first issue of <u>Sentry Post</u>, a news magazine which is a community-based effort. The monthly magazine is unique in that a lengthy section "From the People" has nine volunteer contributing editors, one representing each of the D.C. Commission's Assembly Service Areas.

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To celebrate Navy Day and the 197th birthday of the United States Navy, the Newport (Rhode Island) chapter of the Navy League sponsored official observances on board the historic Revolutionary War frigate ROSE in Newport Harbor on October 13.

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"Why not a Bicentennial Experimental City?" asks Wolf Von Eckardt, architectural columnist for The Washington Post. The site he recommends lies along the Anacostia River across the Capital and Arlington Cemetery on 900 wasted acres of federal land known as Anacostia-Bolling. Von Eckardt suggests that such a city "could be a laboratory for the reaearch and development for new and daring solutions of the nation's - and the world's - fearful urban problems."

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Robert Theobald, a British writer, who spoke to the United Press International editors and publishers in Washington, D.C. on October 7, said, "The Bicentennial must be supported - however difficult this may be - for it is the only currently visible way to demonstrate the problems and possibilities which lie before the American people, and by extension, the people of the world." Theobald, author of the book Free Men and Free Markets, said the years from 1972 to 1976 will be as crucial for the long-run development of the world as the years from 1772 to 1776 were for the future of America. In addition, 1976 opens the final quarter century before the year 2000 - a period which will inevitably be a time for intensive rethinking of mankind's hopes and dreams.

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The Bicentennial Olympic Park for a 400 meter Olympic Speed Skating Rink held dedication ceremonies on October 22 at Northbrook, Illinois. The first military units in the country to assist in a Bicentennial project in accordance with President's Nixon's recent directive were busy at work. Members of the 416th and 863rd Army Reserve Engineer Battalions have volunteered their time to lay out the speed track and to grade and prepare the balance of the property.

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At a meeting on October 13 in Big Sky, Montana, five states, Montana, Wyoming, Nebraska, South and North Dakota, formed an informal organization for work on the Bicentennial. Joe Satrom, Executive Director of the North Dakota ARBC, assumed responsibility as temporary chairman of the group. Present were Pat Hall, Executive Director, Wyoming ARBC; Dr. Robert Manley, Executive Director, Nebraska ARBC; Scott Warden, representing the Montana ARBC; Les Hegeland, Chairman of the South Dakota ARBC; Arnie Stenseth, Executive Director of the South Dakota group; and Satrom.

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November 6, 1972

The Appropriation Bill (H.R. 17034) which contains ARBC funds for 1973 was signed into law by President Nixon on October 31. The Bill covers the period from July 1, 1972 to February 15, 1973.

From the Virginia Independence Bicentennial News of October, 1972: The Hampton Association for the Arts and Humanities is developing a series of store-window displays to acquaint Hamptonians and visitors with the early life of the seaport town, called "Windows of the Past." The exhibits are part of HAAH's effort to make the city a "living museum." The Hampton Bicentennial Committee has a list of 40 sites where "windows" can be used to reveal early Hampton and her role in America's growth.

The Pennsylvania Avenue Bicentennial Development Corporation Bill (H.R. 10751), which pertains to certain areas between the White House and the Capitol, was signed by the President on October 27. The Bill will aid in the orderly redevelopment of the north side of Pennsylvania Avenue.

An ARBC staff member of the Office of Communications met campus editors at the 48th annual conference of the Associated Collegiate Press in New York City recently. Fifteen hundred college publications editors, staff members and advisers attended the meeting at which Herbert Klein, Director of Communications for the Executive Branch, addressed the opening convocation.

Mrs. Glennis J. Parker has been appointed executive director of Arkansas' American Revolution Bicentennial Celebration, according to Dr. John L. Ferguson, Chairman of the Commission and Director of State History Division. The Arkansas ARBC, established by Governor Dale Bumpers, functions as part of the State Department of Parks & Tourism. Mrs. Parker said the Arkansas ARBC "hopes to involve all citizens of Arkansas in a 'grass roots' Bicentennial celebration."

A new Durham Boat is being built from old timbers and authentic plans of the first builders of Durham boats in 1750. The Durham Boat is used by the Washington Crossing Foundation for the live pagean of the re-enactment of the crossing of the Delaware by General Was-ington and has army on Christmas night 1776.

From Bicentennial Iowa, the Iowa ARBC Newsletter of October, 1972: Over 5,000 people registered at the Iowa ARBC booth at the Iowa State Fair this summer. Registrants included people from all of Iowa's 99 counties, 18 other states and eight foreign countries. Many of the Iowa visitors were already involved in their county Bicentennial organizations, and hundreds of others indicated a willingness to serve, and enthusiasm for the program.

Alistair Cooke's "America" makes its debut on NBC-TV Tuesday, November 14, with "The New Found Land," one of 13 special programs in which Mr. Cooke offers his personal view of the people, places and events which have shaped and are shaping this country's history." All of the "America" programs have been written by and are narrated on camera by Mr. Cooke, Peabody Award-winning journalist and broadcaster who has observed the American scene for nearly 40 years. Michael Gill, producer and director of the initial segment, was also responsible for the "Civilisation" series.

In a letter written to ARBC, Mr. Floyd L. Ramp of Richfield, Ohio, recommended mundialization as our "best Bicentennial celebration." He said the idea has been adopted by a considerable number of communities in the USA and Canada and typified by an ordinance recently passed by the city of Akron. "I urge, that as a part of the Bicentennial celebration, this action (effective union among nations) be commended to the various local legislative bodies throughout the nation," wrote Mr. Ramp.

The Virginia Independence Bicentennial Commission announced that the Virginia Highway Department will recognize the 200th anniversary of the American Revolution with publication of a state highway map dedicated to the Bicentennial observance. The map will use the reverse of the regular state highway map to show the locations of significant Revolutionary events, troop movements, battles, etc., with inserts detailing areas of particular importance. A chronological listing of principal events and a key to the marked locations and appropriate pictures will be included.

The District of Columbia DAR has selected research on the D.C. boundary stones as its Bicentennial project. The stones were placed in 1791 one mile apart on the ten-mile square of the District. Care of the stones was placed with the Society in 1915 when members became interested in restoring those which were lost and defaced.

The Bicentennial Congress of Monroe County, in cooperation with the New York State ARBC, has issued an attractive brochure titled "Help Plan a Birthday Party...1776-1976" in which the Congress states its goals and purposes. The brochure also contains information about the unique structure of the Congress (utilizing changing groups of concerned citizens who give of their time and effort). The group has also published the first issue of its Newsletter.

The Idaho ARBC reports that after eight weeks of operation, the oral history project has proved to be a popular one. Volunteers are conducting interviews, mostly with people who settled in the Boise basin. Students at Boise State College are taping the interviews as part of their work history class at the college.

In a report titled "Mississippi Plans for Bicentennial Celebration of the American Revolution," Perry A. Snyder, Director of the Mississippi ARBC, states, "The real celebration of our Independence will be in the hearts and minds of our people. For this Bicentennial to have a lasting impact on the history of our nation, people are going to have to ask themselves 'What can I do to improve life where I live? What can I do to help others and in the process help realize the ideas and ideals for which men lived and died some two centuries ago?' The Bicentennial offers an unparalled opportunity for all Mississippians to come together in spirit, trust, dedication and cooperation to reflect on who they are and where they want to go."

The Horizons '76 Committee of ARBC met on November 2 at Commission Headquarters in Washington, D.C. The Committee met to consider and evaluate program suggestions and proposals from the Federal Government and non-Government organizations.

Ronald F. Banks, Chairman of the Maine State ARBC, announced the appointment of Mary Agnes Cornely to the position of Executive Secretary for the Commission. Ms. Cornely is a former informational writer for the State Parks and Recreation Commission.

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The National Bicentennial Commemorative Medal produced by the U.S. Mint in cooperation with ARBC is now being offered for public sale following a special month-long offer to collectors. The bronze medal is enclosed in a see-through capsule inserted in a black case surrounded by blue flocking and sells for \$3.50. Public sales will continue until December 31, 1972. Send name, address and zip code, quantity desired (limit--4 per order) with a check or money order (cash will not be accepted) to:

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The South Dakota ARBC is producing a film titled "A Summons to Greatness" which will bring together montages of historic photos, documentary-type footage and interviews with South Dakota personages to illustrate the three Bicentennial themes: Heritage '76, Festival USA and Horizons '76. Arnie Stenseth, Director of the Commission, said, "We want people to start thinking about the Bicentennial and a film is a good tool." Completion of the 20-minute film is scheduled for November.

The Pennsylvania Bicentennial Commission presented a collection of campaign memorabilia including autographs, engravings, broadsides, ribbons, buttons, draft speeches and medals produced during the administration of every President the nation has had at a gala opening at the William Penn Memorial Museum in Harrisburg on October 16. George H. Ebner, Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Commission, said, "There is probably no aspect of American history more exciting than our political campaigns, and this outstanding collection illustrates—with seriousness as well as with humor—the zeal with which the American people choose their Presidents."

Bicentennial celebration plans and innovations in the prediction of travel trends were discussed at general sessions of the 4th Annual U.S. Travel Conference in Houston, Texas, October 21-25. An ARBC State Coordinator participated at meetings on October 21 and 22.

In an editorial in The Military Chaplain, Karl B. Justus, Executive Director, Military Chaplains Association, states, "...the Association and all its chapters could well create programs the next three years that would build toward '76. If our military chaplains...would unite in a team effort through MCA, the most ecumenical and unique group of clergy in America, only God knows what a moral and spiritual impact MCA could bring to bear on the Nation and its Bicentennial."

The Steering Committee of the Women's Coalition for the Bicentennial met in Washington, D.C. on November 3. The Coalition is presently working on its incorporation as a non-profit organization.

The Prince George's County Md. ARBC has published its first newsletter, Bicentennial Bulletin. The first issue displays the Commission's symbol and carries its endorsement of the "Indian Queen" Restoration project of the Prince George's Chapter of the JAYCEES. The old tavern, built in 1732, is known as "The George Washington House." The JAYCEES hope to establish a portion of the tavern as a county museum and to complete the project in time for the Bicentennial celebration.

Professor Laurance E. Webber of the Center for Industrial and Institutional Development in Durham, New Hampshire, suggests "Once more go into the woods, select and fell a mast tree and transport it by ox team to water. Authentic tools and costumes should be used. The entire operation should be recorded on film for use in teaching our early history." Professor Webber explains, "The control, selection, and cutting of mast trees in our early history was a most vital factor in the economic and sociological life of the Colonies. Cutting off supplies of our mast trees to the British Navy...helped us win the war."

The Alexandria, Va. Bicentennial Commission hosted a party at the Art League, Inc. in Alexandria on November third at which the 12 winning entries from a contest sponsored recently by the Commission were presented. The artists of the award-winning prints signed reproductions of their pen and ink drawings, and original "losers" were offered for sale. One of the most popular attractions at the well-attended party was colonially attired Admiral Black who dispensed grog and bons mots to the guests.

As part of the Bicentennial celebration, Prologue: The Journal of the National Archives will devote the winter 1972 issue to the Bicentennial theme. The magazine will feature illustrated biographical sketches of Caleb Gibbs, the commander of Washington's life guard, and Deborah Sampson Gannett, the first woman soldier of the Revolution. Also included in the winter Prologue is an article on the 1876 centennial celebration in Philadelphia. Subscription rates for one, two and three years are \$5.00, \$9.00, and \$12.00 respectively. Back issues including the fall 1970 Bicentennial issue, are available for \$3.00.

OFF THE PRESS: Voices of 1776, edited by Richard Wheeler (Crowell, \$10.00). Excerpts from letters, diaries and other documents from the time of Paul Revere's ride to the surrender of Yorktown, that contain information not usually included in history books—for example, the anecdote of a deserter who brought a cannonball home for his mother to use in pulverizing mustard.

Introducing the South Carolina ARBC, a handsome red and blue booklet published by the South Carolina Commission, contains information about the Commission's goals and plans and displays its symbol—a palmetto tree and cannon with the inscription "Battleground of Freedom." The booklet concludes with the statement: "Just as the ultimate success of the American Revolution stemmed from the determination of our Founding Fathers to decide their own destinies, so it is the deep conviction of the Commission that a successful and rewarding Bicentennial observance in South Carolina will take root and bloom to full flower from the creative efforts and initiative of our own people in their communities throughout the state."

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The American Revolution Bicentennial Commission has launched a nationwide campaign to announce public sale of the first single-issue National Bicentennial Commemorative Medal produced by the U.S. Mint in cooperation with the ARBC. Public sale of the medal (which will continue through December 31) follows a one-month advance sale for collectors which resulted in the sale of 580,000 medals. Announcement of the public sale is being made by ARBC through major daily and weekly newspapers, as well as radio and television public service announcements in every state.

ARBC received the first issue of <u>Columbia</u> which is published by the ARBC of Oregon. The newsletter with its handsome two-color format is a bimonthly publication. The name Columbia denotes Oregon's historical link to the American Revolution. Thomas Jefferson commissioned the Lewis and Clark expedition which reached the Columbia River in 1806--where much of Oregon's history has been made.

In a nationwide radio and television address on November 2, President Richard M. Nixon said, "I want us to run toward a renaissance of the individual spirit--toward a new vitality of those governments closest to the people--toward a new pride of place for the family and community--toward a new sense of responsibility in all that we do...If, together, we can restore this spirit, then four years from now America can enter its third century buoyant and vital and young, with all the purpose that marked its beginning two centuries ago."

Governor Richard Kneip of South Dakota designated the 1976 graduates of high schools and colleges throughout the state as members of the Bicentennial Class and noted that members of those classes "will be the leaders of our state and nation during the early part of America's third century." The South Dakota Commission will mail the proclamation to presidents of the classes of '76.

"The Spirit of '76," a colorful train painted red, white and blue with stars and the Great Seal, is creating Bicentennial awareness from coast to coast. Seaboard Coastline Railroad, the Frisco Railway and the Santa Fe Railway put together the train which consists of a locomotive, generator car, exhibit car and caboose. The exhibits depict the part railroads played in the development of the United States. The train began its journey in Richmond, California and will stop in the following cities:

Clovis, New Mexico	November	21
Amarillo, Texas	November	24
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma	November	26
Tulsa, Oklahoma	November	27
Springfield, Missouri	November	28
Memphis, Tennessee	November	30
Birmingham, Alabama	December	1
Richmond, Virginia	December	3-4

William F. Buckley, Jr. proposes that the American people make a Bicentennial present to themselves of "clear lakes, clear rivers and clear streams." In his syndicated column Mr. Buckley wrote, "Congress should empower a Bicentennial committee to sell 10-year tax-deductible bonds at just under prevailing interest rates, the proceeds of which would be [used instantly] to begin the great enterprise...Every community, every category of American could sponsor the sale of the Bicentennial bonds...And on July 4, 1976...we might look down into the water and see a clear reflection of ourselves and see the face of a smiling America."

The Florida Bicentennial Commission has approved a design for a traveling exhibits project which will visit Florida communities until the Bicentennial year. The four air-inflatable structures that can be easily erected, dismantled and moved will be divided into three categories: Man-made Florida (historical and contemporary), Natural Florida (flora and fauna--one unit for each), and the People of Florida (indigenous and adopted). A fifth auxiliary unit will be used to expand the four exhibits into a sweeping panorama of the state, to be shown as one exhibit in 1976.

A recent state ARBC publication reprinted the following order from General George Washington in 1782: "Notwithstanding the troops are verging so near perfection, some small improvements may yet be made; to wear the hair cut or tied in the same manner through a (w)hole corps would still be a very considerable improvement..."

Books About Early America: A Selected Bibliography, 4th edition (1970), published by the Institute of Early American History and Culture, is a valuable tool for "students, teachers, librarians and interested laymen who are seeking direction to useful, informative historical studies." There are book lists under categories such as: Discovery and Exploration, Culture, The Indian in Early America, Thought, Science and Medicine, etc. The booklet may be ordered from the Institute, Box 220, Williamsburg, Virginia 23185, for \$1.00 per copy, or \$.75 per copy for quantities over ten.

ARBC Speaks Out: Commission Member Ken Beale spoke at the regional meeting of the Future Business Leaders of America in Atlanta, Georgia, and ARBC staff members participated in meetings of the Lincoln Heritage Trail Foundation in Evansville, Indiana; the American Folklore Society in Austin, Texas; and the Public Relations Society of America/Canadian Public Relations Society annual conference in Detroit, Michigan.

The Idaho Bicentennial Commission will sponsor two essay contests. One contest will seek documentation on early ranches or farms in the state, while the other will accept historical essays about Idaho. Prizes of \$250, \$100, and \$50 will be awarded for first, second, and third places respectively in both competitions.

The men and women who started the first English-speaking communities in the New World during the 1600's and the lasting effects they had on our society are examined by Alistair Cooke in "Home From Home," the second colorcast of his "America" series on November 28.

The vocational student organizations (Distributive Education Clubs of America, Future Business Leaders of America-Phi Beta Lambda, Future Farmers of America, Future Homemakers of America, Office Education Association, and Vocational Industrial Clubs of America) have published an attractive brochure listing their Spirit of '76 themes: Working Students--Proud Citizens; Students Sharing--Students Caring; Founded on Pride--Strengthened on Service; and Forward in the Spirit of '76.

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The Festival USA Arts Advisory Panels which met in a two-day session, November 20-21, in Washington unanimously adopted the following resolution during its deliberations:

"The Performing Arts and Creative and Visual Arts Advisory Panels urgently recommend the Commission to start immediately to set up a process invested with power to generate a program that would be in keeping with the goals and guidelines adopted by these panels."

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The Arts Panels also set down a written guideline entitled "Arts in America - What Happened and What's Happening," subtitled "The Revolutionary Spirit of the Arts and How it Affects and Serves the American Community." The paper states general goals agreed upon by the Arts Panels and lists some programs appropriate to the Bicentennial. The general opening statement concludes," The traditions and forces embodied in the spirit of the American Revolution viewed in their entirety, prevade much of what is best in American art. The refusal to be restricted, confined or bound to past traditions, however august is clearly evident in America's music, its dances, its film, its energetic theater forms and its visual arts, its architecture and its literature; nor are American art forms at their best narrowly chauvinistic since they reflect the amalgamation and synthesis of an almost infinite variety of cultural influences. The American Revolution Bicentennial Arts Advisory Panels recommend that this spirit should be clarified, illuminated and extended during the Bicentennial celebration."

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The Michigan Bicentennial Commission has given unanimous endorsement to a proposal from the Lansing Bicentennial Committee which calls for a massive building project in the downtown area of the Capital.

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Maurice M. Giss, 31-year old native Arizonan, has been named Executive Director of the Arizona ARBC. Mr. Giss, who came to the Commission from the Arizona Department of Economic Plannning and Development, has started a state regional program that will tie in with the national Bicentennial. "Arizona," he said, "will be a big part of the celebrations."

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A proposed boat race from Bermuda to Rhode Island, planned for 1976, has been endorsed by the Rhode Island Bicentennial Commission. The race would involve tall-masted ships (some of them historic vessels) from many countries. The show would end with a parade across the waters of Narragansett Bay.

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OFF THE PRESS: The American Revolution Stamp Album by Beatrice Hessen is a beautiful book that is not only an illustrated history of the American Revolution but also a volume in which to display the appropriate stamps. The album covers the founding of the first colonies in America through Washington's inauguration in 1789, and it is richly illustrated throughout with portraits and the Revolutionary leaders, battle maps and famous paintings and engravings of the Revolutionary era. The book which commemorates the Bicentennial is published by Minkus Pulbications in New York for \$7.50.

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The Bicentennial Planning Committee of the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society recently approved plans for the planting of 10,000 to 15,000 trees in Philadelphia's Fairmount Park, a gigantic flowering display which will be staged for six months, a series of neighborhood vest-pocket parks and production of a film featuring a 200-year-old tree. The film will be aimed at school children and will follow the growth of the tree through the historical events which have occurred during its lifespan. The Society reports that it is striving to make Philadelphia the horticultural capital of the world in 1976.

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Richard P. McCormick, Commission Member, will chair the New Jersey Historical Commission's Annual Symposium in Trenton on December 2. New Jersey's critical role as a military and political battleground of the American Revolution will be the theme.

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The Honorable Kevin H. White, Mayor of Boston, Massachusetts has announced the official designation of a separate office of the Boston Bicentennial and has named Mrs. Katharine D. Kane as director of Boston's 1975 Bicentennial Celebration.

At a recent meeting of the Bicentennial Committee of the American Society for Information Sciences in Washington, D.C., the ARBC Information and Research Coordinator outlined the conceptual plan for a comprehensive information system. The ASIS Committee agreed to assist and explore all potential means of involving the information and library sciences in this important facet of the Bicentennial.

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"The Patrick Henry Lecture Series" has been established by the Bicentennial '76 planning committee at Hampden-Sydney College in Virginia to bring to the campus over the next four years outstanding national and international personalities to lecture on major issues. The lectureship is named for the 18th century statesman who served as a founding and charter trustee of the College.

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The American Revolution Bicentennial Celebration, State of Oregon, is a stunning book with an eclectic display of pictures, illustrations and maps. In a prefacing letter, Governor Tom McCall states, "This first report in connection with Oregon's celebration of the Bicentennial sets an appropriate theme by seeking ways to restore and preserve for future generations the heritage of our magnificent Willamette River."

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TEXAS ON THE GO: Seguin's Bicentennial Commission has set a "lofty" goal of a new civic center, and a 15-member steering committee is studying uses, sites and needed facilities for the convention center... The Bicentennial Commission in Temple has established 300 goals for 1976. One of these is a history of Temple compiled by every club, civic organization, church and hospital in the city. Another goal is active participation in Arbor Days with nearby Fort Hood cooperating with the Commission in the yearly observances... "Beauty Along the River" has been designated as a Bicentennial undertaking by the San Marcos Bicentennial Commission. Congressman Jake Pickle of Texas has already presented an historic tree to the Commission for its river beautification project. The seedling was propagated by Congressman Pickle from the Andrew Jackson Magnolia which grows on the White House grounds. Mrs. Lyndon B. Johnson made the first individual donation to the fund drive for construction of the Hike and Bike Trail along the San Marcos River.

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